

September 27, 2020 ~ Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE: "On Eagle's Wings/Be Thou my Vision", arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: No. 14 – "For the Beauty of the Earth" v. 1 and refrain

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Refrain:

Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God lifts us from death to life and preserves us for God's purposes through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With thanksgiving, let us praise the Lord.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 12 – "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God,
We are presumptuous about your will,
belittling others and magnifying ourselves.
We envy the blessings of others,
secretly despising their dreams.
We have hardened our hearts
to the suffering of our global family,
feeding ourselves in face of the injustice
that holds them captive.
Lift us from sin and help us to walk with you
in faith, humility, and love.**

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 59 – “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:35 and Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

SERMON: "You Can Stop Dreaming Now"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*

**We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell.
The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all
peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our
imagining throughout the universe.
That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.
It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and
what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS: "Shine on Us" - Bryce Hayes, arr. Michael W. Smith &
Debbie Smith (ASCAP)

HOUSE CHURCH AND MARKS GROUPS CALL

*DOXOLOGY: No. 607 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (tune
#606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*FINAL HYMN: No. 39 – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: No. 43 – "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord", refrain only

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of their hand.

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