



Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Siciliano

J.S. Bach

Katia Dinas

Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the teachings of the Lord, and on his teachings they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Feather, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Blessed are those whose delight is in the teachings of the Lord.

People: **On these teachings I meditate day and night.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

People: **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.**

◆ OPENING HYMN

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

GTG 503

O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord has searched us and known us; the Lord discerns our thoughts from far away; the Lord is acquainted with all our ways. The Lord has chosen to give grace and peace, promising to shape us for goodness and to transform our brokenness into wholeness. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Searching God, we can become so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We can become so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We can become so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows. Most merciful God, loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renews us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us.
This is the Good News – we are God's new creation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven, so that in the Spirit we may bear the fruit of love, peace, and justice.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Help Us Accept Each Other

John Ness Beck

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us, as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

SECOND READING

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

"The Costs of Labor"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, *Traditional*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

GTG 213

RATHBUN

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
With joy we praise you, Creating God, . . . singing to your glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, Redeeming God, . . . we remember that mystery we call faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Spirit of the Living God . . . God in community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All believers of Jesus Christ, young and old, are invited to receive. Please wait and we will eat and drink together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

Whispering Hope

Jennifer Cook

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

O God who calls, as we learn to follow Jesus, we seek to be as generous as you. In the Spirit, may we gift others with hope, with grace, and with peace. May these offerings bless your children in every way imaginable, through Christ. Amen.

SENDING

◆HYMN OF DEDICATION

Help Us Accept Each Other

GTG 754

BARONITA

◆CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

GTG 558

AMEN

◆Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

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PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz, Mike Jones, Dennis Van Deventer, George & Mozelle Mills, David Duell, Greg Kaut (George & Mozelle's son-in-law)

Homebound or Recovering: Freddie Simmons, Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

Sunday Morning Fellowship Returns

As we navigate through the continuing presence of COVID and work towards a new normal, the Session has approved the return of fellowship before worship at 10:30 am. Plan to arrive early and enjoy a cup of coffee, a breakfast treat and great community. If you would like to bring a treat to share, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The Weekly Bible Study class will return to their weekly time of 9:30 a.m. in classroom 4.



The mid-week video devotional series **Praying the Ten Commandments** will have its final two offerings, September 7 and 14. The entire series is available through the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. You can go back and view the offerings you were not able to watch. Suggest the entire series to others! Pastor Ken will begin a new series of praying the Scriptures later in fall. Look for that announcement!



Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion;
 3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,

cho - sen by you, to be count - ed your friends;
 give it your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
 vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored,

yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion;
 teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
 may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

ours, a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
 Lord, in your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
 all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.

St. Augustine spoke of eucharist as “the repeatable part of baptism,” and this hymn reminds us that each time we share in the Lord’s Supper we are renewing our baptismal vows. The text is set to a tune that dates to the transition between plainchant and modern tonalities.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1977, alt.

MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harm. La Feillée’s *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

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O QUANTA QUALIA

11.10.11.10

(this tune in a higher key, 369)

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

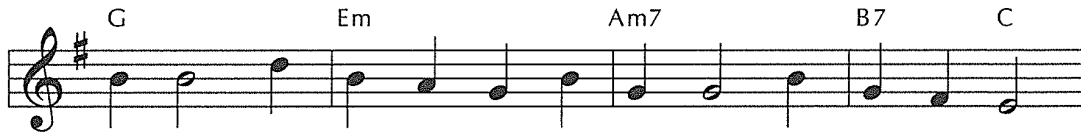
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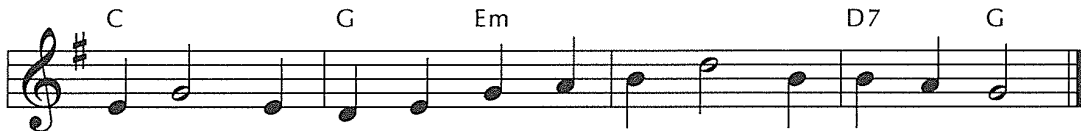
1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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