



**Eighth Sunday After
Pentecost**
July 26, 2020
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, KS

Prelude

Here I Am to Worship
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Welcome and Announcements

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Call to Worship

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,
whose love has conquered death.
Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.

Hymn No. 336

We Gather Together

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Call to Confession

Beloved ones, God never forgets God's promises; God's covenant endures in each new generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

God of mystery, God of life,
we imagine that we are capable judges of power
and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards;
we separate and categorize;
we mark the performance of others.

We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.
Gracious God, hidden and manifest,
transform our withered imaginations
until we yield the judgments we trust
to a love we cannot control. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

What then are we to say about these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?
Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done,
nothing we will ever do,
is enough to separate us from the love of God
made known in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, fill our hearts with your Spirit. Open our ears to hear your word
proclaimed. Remind us that you are always with us, as your faithful followers.
Remind us we are a part of your family. May your Son, Jesus Christ, intercede in
our lives to bring us grace and healing. Help us be your servants and share your
story with the world. In your precious name, we pray.

Amen

First Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as
we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God,
who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit
intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Special Music

Everlasting God

B. Brown / Jack Hachiya, Violist & Jaron Marcus, Pianist

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Landon Whitsett

***Hymn No. 519**

You Are My Strength When I am Weak

You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
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Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Romans 8:28

The apostle Paul promises that all things
work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
We trust that God will bring forth good
from that which we offer today.
It is our privilege to participate in the unfolding
of God's grace in the world.
Let us give with grateful and expectant hearts

Offertory

Siciliana
Walond / Sheryl Daniels

Doxology Hymn No. 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 and Lord's Prayer

Almighty God, there are treasures all around us— family, friends, your abiding presence, and the love of Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts we return to you now. Bless them, that others might come to know the true treasures of your love and grace. In your holy name, we pray. 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.

Hymn No. 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,

triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us,
O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful,
ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us,
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever,
may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

You Are My Strength When I am Weak
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