



**Service of the Lord's Day**  
**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

**God's People Gather**

*"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)*

*With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! Masks are required for everyone 3 and older. We invite you to sit anywhere you wish. Some pews with social distance \*spacers\* have been designated on the lectern side near the front for those who are more comfortable with some distance.*

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Prayer of Preparation**

**O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.**

**Prelude**    **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee** -- arr. McDonald and Nelson        Ashley Baisch, Viola

**\*Call to Worship**

**L:**     The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

**P:**     **Christ dwells among us and is with us now!**

**L:**     Come now all who thirst,

**P:**     **and drink the water of life.**

**L:**     Come now all who hunger,

**P:**     **and be filled with good things.**

**L:**     Come now all who seek,

**P:**     **and be filled by the fire of God's love.**

**\*Hymn 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (verses 1 and 2)**

**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, unchanging, 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.**

## Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. (silence) By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

## Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

L: And Jesus says, "Follow me, and I will lead you into life."

## \*Response of Praise

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.

## God's Word is Heard

### Time With Children

**Anthem**    **Amazing Grace with Peace is Flowing Like a River – DeCesare**    Ashley Baisch, Viola  
Sarah Pinard, Flute

**Old Testament Reading:**    Exodus 3:1-4

**New Testament Reading:**    Luke 11:1-4, 9-13

**Sermon**    **"Our Father, Who Art In Heaven, Hallowed Be Your Name"**    Rev. W. Carter Lester, Jr.

## God's People Respond

### \*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation...Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.                    (A Brief Statement of Faith)

### \*Giving Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology (#39)

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.

## Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you;  
And also with you.

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Our Abba, 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

## God's Sends Us Out

### \*Hymn 370 This Is My Father's World (both verses)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and  
trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall  
be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude Trumpet Tune -- Purcell

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### Calendar of Events for this week:

Today	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony (12:30-4:30pm) (Peace Garden & Prayer Labyrinth)
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Seekers Event (6:00-7:30pm)
	6:00 p.m.	Sr. Seekers Bonfire at the Allen's (6:00-7:30pm)
	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
	4:30 p.m.	Music/Rec (4:30-5:45pm)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Cubs/Troop
	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Prayer Labyrinth)
	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Mental Health Companions
	7:00 p.m.	HENS Board Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Prayer Labyrinth)
	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (5:30-7:00pm)
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (6-7:30pm)
	7:00 p.m.	Mark 12:31 Team Meeting via Zoom
	8:00 a.m.	Yoga (Prayer Labyrinth)
	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Sisters of the Way Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Community Meals (lower parking lot)
	6:00 p.m.	Treble Handbells Rehearsal (6:00-6:30pm)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Handbells Rehearsal (6:30-7:15pm)
Sunday	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (7:30-8:30pm)
	9:00 a.m.	HENS (9am-1pm)
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	World Communion Celebration of the Lord's Table (Peace Garden and Prayer Labyrinth)
	5:00 p.m.	Sr. Seekers (5:00-7:30pm)



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