

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 20, 2021**

**Gathering  
God invites us to enter His presence**

**Prelude**

*Sing and Rejoice  
Strong and Loving Father*

*Smith  
Mason*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

**! Call to Worship**

*Dan Obenschain*

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**! Invocation**

*Dan Obenschain*

You are the Sovereign One, O God, and rightly to be blessed.

Your name shall ever be upon our lips.

You have heard the poor and saved them from trouble.

You have enlightened believers; their faces reflect your radiance.

Aglow with the splendor of your promised redemption,

we gather to worship you, ruler of nations. **Amen.**

**! Hymn 8**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.  
A-men.*

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Prayer of Confession**

*Dan Obenschain*

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.  
You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus  
Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are  
more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than  
compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.  
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the  
obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken  
world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. **Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Dan Obenschain*

All the prophets testify about Christ  
that everyone who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

** Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*

**Offering**  
***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation**      Do good and share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Offering**

**Offertory**      *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*      Dawson  
Solo—Gary Covert

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

We are not our own; we belong to you. You have created us and given us life anew, O God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. We extend our arms and open our hands to present our offerings to you. We make these gestures to display outwardly our hearts' overflowing gratitude for all your gifts. Receive these gifts from us, O Triune God, and through them bring life and hope to many. In the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 269**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

*O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky;  
We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.*

*The Church from her dear Master received the gift divine,  
And still that light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the golden casket where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heav'n drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.*

*It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled;  
It shineth like a beacon above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,  
|Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to Thee.*

*O make Thy Church, dear Savior, A lamp of purest gold,  
To bear before the nations Thy true light as of old.  
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see Thee face to face. A-men.*

**Proclaiming**  
**God speaks to us through His Word**

**Scripture Reading**

*Proverbs 1:1-7*

**1** The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

<sup>2</sup>To know wisdom and instruction,  
to understand words of insight,

<sup>3</sup>to receive instruction in wise dealing,  
in righteousness, justice, and equity;

<sup>4</sup>to give prudence to the simple,

knowledge and discretion to the youth—  
⁵Let the wise hear and increase in learning,  
and the one who understands obtain guidance,  
⁶to understand a proverb and a saying,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.  
⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Sermon**

*“What is Wisdom?”  
Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**  
**We respond to God’s Word**

 **Hymn 10**

*O Worship the King*

*O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days.  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.*

*Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.  
A-men.*

 **Profession of Faith**

**Leader:** Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

**People:** **We 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 Spirit.  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

Was crucified, died, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,  
The holy catholic church.  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

Commissioning  
*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

#### Hymn 210

*Jesus Paid It All*

*I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."*

*Refrain*

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.*

*Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.  
Refrain.*

*For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim—  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.  
Refrain.*

*And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.  
Refrain.*

#### Benediction & Blessing

#### Postlude

*Faith the Cornerstone*

*Broughton*