

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Joy in God
The Light of the World Is Jesus

Blake
Miles

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

! Call to Worship

Dennis Lesher

Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.
This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.
Let us worship the Triune God.

! Invocation

Dennis Lesher

O Lord, our God,
you are always more ready to give your good gifts to us
than we are to seek them,
and you are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.
Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

! Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of the night, before the dawn,

My soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh, how long?

Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

Chorus

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed,

You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Dennis Leshner

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us. You know not only what we say, but also what we think. You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said. You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart, boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments. You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves even when we have turned our backs on you, fascinating ourselves with alien gods whose calling we heed while ignoring your own. Quickly boasting, slowly accusing, truly we need to repent. O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Leshner

Our God pardons our sins and forgives our disobedience.
Our God does not stay angry forever.
Instead, our God delights to show mercy.
Our God again has compassion on us.
Our God tramples our sins underfoot
and hurls our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
Give thanks to our God, for our God is good!

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 The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap
bountifully. Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us
in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our
abundance.

Offering

Offertory

"Abide with Me"
Amy & Sandy Dulaney

W. Monk
Arrg by S. Maiko

‡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

O Lord our God, the author and giver of all good things, we thank you for all your mercies, and for your loving care over all your creatures. We bless you for the gift of life, for your protection round about us, for your guiding hand upon us, and for the tokens of your love within us. In all these things, O heavenly God, make us wise for a right use of your benefits, that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

‡ Hymn 18 *Come, We that Love the Lord*

*Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.*

*Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad.*

*The men of grace have found Glory begun below;
Celestial fruit on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.*

*The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets.*

*Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching thro' Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high.
A-men.*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 9:1-18

- 9** Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
2 She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
3 She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
To him who lacks sense she says,
5 "Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
6 Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."
7 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
11 For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.
12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself;
if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

13 The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.
14 She sits at the door of her house;
she takes a seat on the highest places of the town,
15 calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,

16 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
And to him who lacks sense she says,
17 “Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”
18 But he does not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Sermon

*“The Ways of Wisdom & Folly”
Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding

We respond to God’s Word

‡ Hymn 292

God of Grace God of Glory

‡ 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 552

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

‡ Benediction & Blessing

‡ Postlude

Divertissemet

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