

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021**

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

Prelude

*Here I Am to Worship with
O Worship the King*

Tornquist

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)



Call to Worship

Bonnie Mecaughey

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.

Let us worship the Triune God.



Invocation

Bonnie Mecaughey

God of all faithfulness,
you have opened the gate of mercy for your people
and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you.
Look on us in your compassion,
that we may gladly respond to your love
and faithfully walk in your way
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Hymn

*O Love that Will Not Let Me Go
(Indelible Grace)*

O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths in flow
may richer, fuller be.

O light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I can not close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

Holy and merciful God, for the times we have followed the path of the wicked, stood in solidarity with those who were wrong, or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us. Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word so that we will flourish with the fruit of your Spirit. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down. **Amen.**

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 I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Offering

Offertory *Even if By Mercy Me*
Guitar—Scott Enright
Pamela Johnson & Sandy Dulaney

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

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.
As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart
in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought
from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from
death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 438 *Cleanse Me*

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading Proverbs 5:15-20; 31:10-31

- ¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern,
flowing water from your own well.
- ¹⁶ Should your springs be scattered abroad,
streams of water in the streets?
- ¹⁷ Let them be for yourself alone,
and not for strangers with you.
- ¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed,
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
- ¹⁹ a lovely deer, a graceful doe.
Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;
be intoxicated always in her love.
- ²⁰ Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?
- ¹⁰ [An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

- 12 She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- 14 She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.
- 15 She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.
- 16 She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 19 She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
- 22 She makes bed coverings for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates
when he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
- 29 "Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

Sermon

"Love & Relationships"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn 61**

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure that He should give
His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away as wounds
Which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

Make a Joyful Noise

Ritter