

**13th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 22, 2021**

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

**Prelude**

*Praise to the Lord of Bondless Might  
In Heavenly Love Abiding*

*Scott  
Parker*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

** Call to Worship**

*Dan Obenschain*

Let us worship God.

**“He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”  
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing  
him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

**Let us worship the Triune God.**

** Invocation**

*Dan Obenschain*

Lord, our God, we trust your promise  
to be among us as we gather.

We come in the name of Christ,  
drawn by your Spirit,  
eager to hear your Word.

Fill our hearts with your Spirit  
and prepare us for faithful service. **Amen.**

** Hymn 3**

*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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

**Prayer of Confession**

*Dan Obenschain*

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without.  
We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle.  
We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your  
love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each  
other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks  
and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness  
and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk  
in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. **Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Dan Obenschain*

There is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*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 earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.

**Offering**

**Offertory**                      *Pass It On*  
*Chuck Stauffer—Guitar*

 **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 every good and perfect gift, our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect. We give, knowing that our motives are mixed and our mission is unclear. Still, we offer these efforts with boldness, knowing that your love is stronger than our impurities and imperfections. Through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 455**

*Come, All Christians be Committed*

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

**Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 12:13-14, 17-19, 16:23-24  
25:18

12<sup>13</sup> An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,  
but the righteous escapes from trouble.

14 From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good,  
and the work of a man's hand comes back to him.

17 Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence,  
but a false witness utters deceit.

18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

19 Truthful lips endure forever,  
but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

16<sup>23</sup> The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious  
and adds persuasiveness to his lips.

24 Gracious words are like a honeycomb,  
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

25<sup>18</sup> A man who bears false witness against his neighbor  
is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.

**Sermon**

*“Wise Words & Foolish Words”  
Rev. Tim Latham*

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

 **Hymn**

*Abide with Me (Indelible Grace)*

*Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me*

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee  
On to the close Lord abide with me*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me*

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory  
I triumph still abide with me*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heav’n’s morning breaks  
And earth’s vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord abide with me*

 **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 184      *In the Cross of Christ, I Glory*

! **Benediction & Blessing**

! **Postlude**      *Recessionale*      *Peter*