

**14th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 29, 2021**

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

**Prelude**

*Heaven and Peace Within  
Almost Persuaded*

*Sawyer  
Barnett*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

 **Call to Worship**

*Barb Finch*

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**

*Barb Finch*

God our Father,  
we call on you like little children because we know  
that you love us and care for us like a loving parent.  
Because your Son, Jesus, prayed to you as Father,  
so we pray this way. You created us to live with you  
and to ask for your help and guidance. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 1**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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

**Prayer of Confession**

*Barb Finch*

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**

*Barb Finch*

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Since we have now been justified by his blood,  
how much more shall we be saved  
from God's wrath through him!

*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**      *Freely you have received, freely give.*

**Offering**

**Offertory**              *Be Thou My Vision*  
Solo – Kelly Fox

**! 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 wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. **Amen.**

## Hymn

### *Mighty to Save*

*Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations*

#### *Chorus*

*Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave*

*So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender  
Chorus*

#### *Bridge*

*Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King*

*Chorus*

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

**Scripture Reading**

*Romans 15*

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*John 7*

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit ....

*Philippians 4*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Proverbs 3*

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

**Sermon**

*"Rivers of Joy and Peace"*

*Rev. Jim Caldwell*

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



**Hymn 494**

*Like a River Glorious*



**Profession of Faith** (Heidelberg Catechism, #1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—  
body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head**

without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.

## Prayers of the People

### Commissioning

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

! Hymn 354      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

! **Benediction & Blessing**

! **Postlude**      *Echo Fanfare*