

**21st Sunday After Pentecost  
October 17, 2021**

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

**Prelude**

*Sing Them Over Again to Me  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Southbridge  
Smith*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

** Call to Worship**

*Barb Finch*

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us worship the Triune God.

** Invocation**

*Barb Finch*

God of grace,  
you have given us minds to know you,  
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.  
Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may celebrate your glory  
and worship you in spirit and in truth  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

** Hymn 60**

*Morning Has Broken*

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

**Prayer of Confession**

*Barb Finch*

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into

bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Time for Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Barb Finch*

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,  
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible  
that God cannot forgive,  
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.  
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.  
Receive the forgiving love of God.

*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**      How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Special Music  
Chuck Stauffer, Frank Newby*

### **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**

Lord God, we bless you for all your many gifts to us. We return these gifts as a token of our gratitude, longing for the conviction and strength to offer our whole lives to your service. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Hymn

*Lord, I Need You*

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

**Proclaiming**

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

**Children's Sermon**

*Our Daily Bread*

*Dennis Leshner*

**Prayer of Illumination**

## Scripture Reading

*Exodus 16:1-30*

**16** They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" <sup>17</sup> And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup> And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." <sup>20</sup> But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

<sup>22</sup> On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, <sup>23</sup> he said to them, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.'" <sup>24</sup> So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. <sup>25</sup> Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. <sup>26</sup> Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none."

<sup>27</sup> On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. <sup>28</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? <sup>29</sup> See! The LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Remain each of you in his place; let no one go out of his place on the seventh day." <sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day.

**Sermon**

*“God Provides Manna”  
Rev. Tim Latham*

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

 **Hymn 460**

*All the Way, My Savior Leads Me*

 **Profession of Faith**

**I am righteous before God  
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.  
Even though my conscience accuses me  
of having grievously sinned against all  
God’s commandments,  
of never having kept any of them,  
and of still being inclined toward all evil,  
nevertheless, without any merit of my own,  
out of sheer grace,  
God grants and credits to me  
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,  
and holiness of Christ,  
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,  
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient  
as Christ was obedient for me.  
All I need to do  
is accept this gift with a believing heart.  
When I say that through faith alone I am righteous,  
it is not because I please God  
by the worthiness of my faith.  
It is because only Christ’s satisfaction, righteousness,  
and holiness  
make me righteous before God,  
and because I can accept this righteousness  
and make it mine  
in no other way than through faith.  
—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 60-61**

**Prayers of the People**

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

 **Hymn 602**

*God Be With You*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

*God, the Almighty*

*Davidson*