

**22nd Sunday After Pentecost  
October 24, 2021**

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

**Prelude**      *How Great Thou Art with God of Wonders*      *Tornquist*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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



**Call to Worship**

*Hob Pusey*

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**

*Hob Pusey*



**Hymn 76**

*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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

**Prayer of Confession**

*Hob Pusey*

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.

You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.

This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. **Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Hob Pusey*

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**



*Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief*

*Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

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

**Children's Sermon**

*Measuring God's Love*

*Dan Baker*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

*Exodus 19:1-6*

**19** On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

**Sermon**

*"God Provides a Purpose"*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

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

 **Hymn 468**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

## 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

*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**

*Let All Things Now Living - Wagner*