

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
July 3, 2022

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* Livingston
 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *Higges*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

! **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Dennis Lesher

There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
**All the nations you have made
shall come and bow down before you,
O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**

! **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

Dennis Lesher

Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
**Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
**Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.**
Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
**In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.**
Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

! **Hymn 8**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Dennis Lesher

“Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.”

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Dennis Lesher

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we
are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Lesher

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children’s children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

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 *Shout to the Lord with Lord,
I Lift Your Name on High Zschech/Founds
Flute solo - Pamela Johnson*

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

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live in,
and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other
and to all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor,
the oppressed, the alienated. Make us humble enough
to help and comfort them, so that your love and justice
and peace may come to them. We make bold to consecrate
ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above

*Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.*

*Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable "I Am",
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I can not die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.*

*I bow before the cross Christ,
And marvel at this love divine,
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make the righteous in God's eyes.
This river's depths I can not know,
But I can glory in its flood;
The Lord Most High was bowed down low,
And poured on me His glorious love,
And poured on me His glorious love.*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 124

1 If the LORD had not been on our side—
let Israel say—
2 **if the LORD had not been on our side**
when people attacked us,
3 **then they would have swallowed us alive**
in their burning anger against us.
4 **Then the water would have engulfed us;**
the torrent would have swept over us;
5 **the raging water would have swept over us.**
6 Blessed be the LORD,
who has not let us be ripped apart by their teeth.
7 **We have escaped like a bird from the hunter's net;**
the net is torn, and we have escaped.
8 **Our help is in the name of the LORD,**
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Sermon

Escaped Like a Bird
Rev. Paul Toms

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn**

Jesus, Firm Foundation

*How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled*

Verse 2

*Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed
For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand
Upheld by His merciful almighty hand*

Chorus

*How firm our foundation
How sure our salvation
And we will not be shaken
Jesus firm foundation*

Verse 3

*The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord
Will press on enduring the darkest of storm
And though even hell should endeavor to shake
He'll never no never no never forsake
He'll never no never no never forsake*

Chorus

Bridge

*Age to age He stands faithful to the end
All may fade away but
He will remain He will remain*

Chorus

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
again!**

! Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator 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 was buried.
He descended into Hell;
The third day He rose again 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 life everlasting.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

! Hymn 52 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

! Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Linda Gyath, Jim Fox*

! Postlude *The Call of the Trumpets* *Purcell*