7th Sunday After Pentecost July 24, 2022

<u>Gathering</u> God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude	Enter His Courts with Praise!	Mason
	Trusting Jesus	Loree

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Dennis Lesher

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: **Come, let us adore him.** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come, let us adore him.** The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: **Come, let us adore him.** Lord, open our lips. **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Invocation (Responsively)

Dennis Lesher

O Lord, our God, creator of our land, our earth, the trees, the animals and humans, all is for your honor. The drums beat it out, and people sing about it, and they dance with noisy joy that you are the Lord. You also have pulled the other continents out of the sea. What a wonderful world you have made out of wet mud and what beautiful men and women! We thank you for all the beauty of this earth. The grace of your creation is like a cool day between rainy seasons. We drink in your creation with our eyes. We listen to the birds' jubilee with our ears. How strong and good and sure your earth smells, and everything that grows here. We drink in your creation and cannot get enough of it. Bless our land and people. Prepare us for the service we should render. Amen.

🖞 Hymn 25

Immortal, Invisible

<u>Confessing</u> God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Dennis Lesher

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Dennis Lesher

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Lesher

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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	I Know Whom I Have Believed	Larson
y 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 (Responsively)

Almighty God, you have given us everything. Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever. When we turned away from you, you reached down to us. You lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever. You are with us always. You watch over our coming and our going. Your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us every step of our lives. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever. For your abundant grace we give you thanks. Gratefully we offer the gifts you first gave us. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever.

Use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory. May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

Yerry Blessing Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 127

A song of ascents. Of Solomon

¹ Unless the LORD builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain; unless the LORD watches over a city, the watchman stays alert in vain.
² In vain you get up early and stay up late, working hard to have enough food yes, he gives sleep to the one he loves.^[a]
³ Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, offspring, a reward.
⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons born in one's youth.
⁵ Happy is the man who has filled his quiver with them. They will never be put to shame when they speak with their enemies at the city gate.

Sermon

Psalm 127 Rev. Tim Latham

<u>Responding</u> We respond to God's Word

🖞 Hymn

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee Destitute, despised, forsaken Thou from hence my all shalt be Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me They have left my savior too Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like them untrue Oh while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show thy face and all is bright. Man they trouble and distress me, Twill but drive me to thy breast Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, While thy love is left to me Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain In thy service pain is pleasure, With thy favor loss is gain I have called thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on thee Storms may howl and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation Rise o'er sin and fear and care Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Profession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belongbody and soul, in life and in deathto 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

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 604

Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Bonnie Mecaughey, Dennis Lesher

Postlude

Let the Word Go Forth

Birchwood