

18th Sunday After Pentecost
October 9, 2022

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Intermezzo

Szalit

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

🕯 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Jim Fox

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.

🕯 **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

Jim Fox

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Great is your name.

Great is your love. Amen.

🕯 **Hymn**

Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above,

I have a strong and perfect plea:

*A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
whoever 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.*

Verse 2

*When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of 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.*

Verse 3

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

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Jim Fox

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people
who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Jim Fox

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,
yet too often we practice pride.
You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,
**yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless
about our cities.**
You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,
**yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or
popular**
You freely forgave and healed,
yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.
You lived a perfectly holy life,

yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.

You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,

yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.

You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,

yet too often we deny you.

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.

Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
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.

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 I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Offering

Offertory *Forgiven by DeGraide Elliot, and Kauflin*

! 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.**

! Hymn 468

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Look Inside

Dennis Leshner

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are **a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises** of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. ¹² Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.

Sermon

"A Mission of Hope"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

Hymn 2

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Profession of Faith (Psalm 23)

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 210

Jesus Paid It All

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

How Majestic is Your Name (Reprise)