

**20th Sunday After Pentecost  
October 23, 2022**

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

**Prelude** *Valse in B Minor* *Chopin*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

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

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.**

**!** **Invocation** *Dan Obenschain*

LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
in the heavens.  
Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

**!** **Hymn 25** *Immortal, Invisible*

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

**Call to Confession** *Dan Obenschain*

When we see God's beautiful holiness,  
we recognize our own lack of holiness.  
God is light and truth,  
yet we live among shadows and lies.  
People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are;  
let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and  
truth in Jesus, our Lord.

**Prayer of Confession** *(Responsively)*

*Dan Obenschain*

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,  
**forgive us;**  
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,  
**forgive us;**  
for all the times we have acted without love,  
**forgive us;**  
for all the times we have reacted without thought,  
**forgive us;**  
for all the times we have withdrawn care,  
**forgive us;**  
for all the times we have failed to forgive,  
**forgive us.**  
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,  
for unfinished tasks  
and unfulfilled hopes,  
**God of all time,**  
**forgive us and help us**  
**to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Dan Obenschain*

*Our God pardons our sins and forgives our disobedience.  
Our God does not stay angry forever.  
Instead, our God delights to show mercy.  
Our God again has compassion on us.  
Our God tramples our sins underfoot  
and hurls our iniquities into the depths of the sea.  
Give thanks to our God, for our God is good!*

*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** *(Ephesians 5:1-2)*

As God's dear children, then, take him as your  
pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you,



*Oh God how I need You*

*Verse 2*

*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  
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*

*My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

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### **Proclaiming**

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

**Children's Sermon**

*Dan Baker*

**Scripture Reading**

*1 Peter 3:8-12*

<sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, <sup>9</sup>not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing.

<sup>10</sup>For the one who wants to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, <sup>11</sup>and let him turn away from evil and do what is good.

Let him seek peace and pursue it,

<sup>12</sup>because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil.

**Sermon**

*“A Life of Harmony”  
Rev. Dr. Dennis Leshner*

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

 **Hymn 3**     *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

 **Profession of Faith** (Romans 8)

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God’s purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

 **Hymn**             *All I Have Is Christ*

*Verse 1  
I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still*

*Verse 2  
But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God’s love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace*

*Chorus  
Hallelujah all I have is Christ*

*Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

*Verse 3*

*Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You*

*Chorus*

*Chorus (acapella)*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are  
Carolyn Thompson and Don Titus*

 **Postlude**

*Thy Word (Reprise)*