

**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for all the times we have withdrawn care,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

⁸Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, ⁹not 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.

¹⁰For 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, ¹¹and let him turn away from evil and do what is good.

Let him seek peace and pursue it,

¹²because 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)