

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
November 13, 2022**

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

**Prelude**


**Welcome & Announcements**

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

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

*Dennis Lesher*

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with laughter and songs of joy.  
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some from a sense of obligation or habit.  
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with hearts heavy with grief.  
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with distraction or exhaustion.  
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.  
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,  
some with stress, loneliness, or depression.  
As God's dearly loved children,  
we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope  
**into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.**

 **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 234**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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

**Call to Confession**

*Dennis Lesher*

We cannot come before God  
unless we are first honest with ourselves  
about who we are,  
about the mistakes we make,  
and about how well or poorly we care for others.  
In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Dennis Lesher*

Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus:  
we have so much to do;  
we possess so much stuff;  
we're driven by the need for still more—  
and it easily seems to control us.  
We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become  
and for losing our way  
without even realizing it.  
Forgive us and help us  
to know that you are the only one we need. **Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Dennis Lesher*

There is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*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

Give to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. We will sacrifice a thank offering to God and call on the name of the Lord. We will fulfill our vows to the Lord, in the presence of all God's people. Let each of us use whatever gift we have received, faithfully sharing God's grace in many forms. Freely we have received; freely we will give.

### Offering

#### Offertory

*Give Me Jesus  
Sandy, Pamela, Thomas*

*arr by Sterling*

#### ! 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

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. **Amen.**

#### ! Hymn

*I Will Be Still  
(Music Ministry Team)*

## Proclaiming

*God speaks to us through His Word*

#### Children's Sermon

*Giving Our All*

*Susan Obenschain*

#### Scripture Reading

*1 Peter 4:12-19*

4 <sup>12</sup>Dear friends, don't be surprised when the fiery ordeal comes among you to test you, as if something unusual were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may also rejoice with great joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup>Let none of you suffer as a murderer, a

thief, an evildoer, or a meddler. <sup>16</sup> But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God in having that name. <sup>17</sup> For the time has come for judgment to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God?

<sup>18</sup> And if a righteous person is saved with difficulty, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?

<sup>19</sup> So then, let those who suffer according to God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator while doing what is good.

## Sermon

*"Sharing in Christ's Suffering"*  
Rev. Tim Latham

## Responding *We respond to God's Word*



### Hymn 6

*Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above*



### Profession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

**I am called a Christian  
because by faith I am a member of Christ  
and so I share in his anointing.  
I am anointed  
to confess his name,  
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,  
to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil  
in this life,  
and afterward to reign with Christ  
over all creation  
for all eternity.  
We call him "our Lord"  
because—  
not with gold or silver,  
but with his precious blood—  
he has set us free  
from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,  
and has bought us,  
body and soul,  
to be his very own.**

## Prayers of the People

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



### 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.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are  
Barb Finch and Dan Obenschain*

 **Postlude**

**\*Note:** *As an added safety measure during worship, the downstairs entrance doors will be locked after the first hymn (approx. 10:40). Please plan your arrival time accordingly.*