

WORSHIP SERVICE
July 26, 2020
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another

Christ be with you.

And also with you!

- * Call to Worship (From Psalm 63:1-4)

You, God, are my God, whom earnestly I seek;

I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,

in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands.

- * Opening Song: "O God, You Are My God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #743

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days (Repeat)

- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer of Confession (From Psalm 51)

Have mercy on us, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offenses; Wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offenses, my sin is constantly on my mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned. I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment. Remember I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception. But you delight in sincerity of heart and in secret you teach me wisdom. Sacrifice gives you no pleasure and burnt offerings you do not desire. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart you never scorn.

God's Assurance

All of us with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!

Praise be to God!

Song of Response: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Lift Up Your Hearts #516

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things: bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:21-26

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Message: "Beyond Offense to Reconciliation"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #747

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Lift Up Your Hearts #608

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
Praise and Glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever,
amen.

And we, the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity. Declaring aloud:
Praise and Glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever, be to our God forever and ever,
amen.

* Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Music: Sue Bokhoven, Mark Voss, Pam Voss