

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 8: 1-5,9

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.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

You have made [us] a little lower than the angels and crowned [us] with glory and honor. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* Opening Songs: "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)

"Shout To the Lord"

Lift Up Your Hearts #603

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days, I want to praise

the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,

let every breath, all that I am,

never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing

power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands:

forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

What We believe About Human Sexuality (*Our World Belongs to God*, article 45)

Since God made us male and female in his image, we respect each other as equals, not flaunting or exploiting our sexuality.

While our roles and capacities may differ, we are careful not to confine God's gifts and calling to the shape of our cultural patterns or expectations.

[Confession] *Sexuality is disordered in our fallen world— brokenness, abuse, pornography, and loneliness are the result—*

[Assurance] **but Christ's renewing work gives hope for order and healing and surrounds**

suffering persons with compassionate community.

Prayer of Confession: “Nearer, Still Nearer”

Lift Up Your Hearts #659 (vs 1,2,4)

Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art. Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast; shelter me safe in that haven of rest, shelter me save in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King – only my sinful, now contrite heart; grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart, grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its follies I gladly resign, all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride; give me but Jesus my Lord crucified, give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast; through endless ages, ever to be nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

Congregational Prayer - Pastor Randy

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message - Rex DeBruin

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

¹² “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Message: “Jesus People: A Foundation for Christian Sexuality”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

Lift Up Your Hearts #823 (vs 1-3)

O Jesus, Joy of loving hearts,
The Fount of life, The Light of all,
from fullest bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to hear your call.
Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you save all those who on you call;
to those who seek you, you are good,
to those who find you, all in all.
We taste you, ever living Bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the Fountain-head,
our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Song of Response: “Amazing Grace”

Lift Up Your Hearts #691 (vs 1-3)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Amazing Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts #691 (vs 4-5)

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Rev. Randy Raak