

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 30, 2017

8th Sunday after Pentecost / 17th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 12

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together.

We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Colvin

PRELUDE

“Pastoral Prelude”

Organ

Horatio W. Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Dave Colvin

O come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving

Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and Sovereign above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are hers also.

O come, let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

—based on Psalm 95

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“COME LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN”

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker.

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,

And the sheep of His hand, and the sheep of His hand.

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“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

(Hymn #45)

(VERSE 1)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name I'm fixed upon it
name of God's redeeming love.

(VERSE 2)

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

(VERSE 3)

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

TIME OF PRAYER

Misty Rowley

Call to Confession

In the driest desert, God has provided a fountain. In a helpless world—at the right time—God sent Jesus to know us, and to love us, and to die for us. Graciously, God did not leave us to fend for ourselves. We have the Spirit of Truth to relentlessly remind us to go to the source of Living Water and be reminded of God's goodness as we face our own weakness. In humility, let us now confess our less-ness.

Prayer of Confession

Hear us O God. When we quarrel, when our faith in you is thin, and when we turn on each other. We thirst for unity but work to divide. We long for connection but hurt others with words, our gossip, our snap judgments. We speak of mercy but fail to walk in your ways. Forgive us, O God, and may we drink again from the water of life. Forgive our narrow understanding of grace, O God, and may we drink again from the water of life. We long to know you, O God, and be known by you. May we drink from the water of life. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Words of Affirmation

Hear these words from our Creator God: "I am the water of life, come to me all who are thirsty and you will drink of the living waters and never be thirsty again."

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

"ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY"

(VERSE)

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

(CHORUS 1)

**Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come**

(REPEAT VERSE)

(CHORUS 2)
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come

(BRIDGE)
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep

(REPEAT CHORUS 1 & 2)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Misty Rowley

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Invitation to the Offering

The apostle Paul promises that all things
work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
We trust that God will bring forth good
from that which we offer today.
It is our privilege to participate in the unfolding
of God's grace in the world.
Let us give with grateful and expectant hearts.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

**Your love for us, gracious God, is overwhelming: in
the midst of our complaining, you pour out abundant
water for us. Now we respond in kind, giving you
what we can for the work of your people. Take our**

gifts, and take us, and use us to share living water with others. Amen.

You may bring your offering and light a candle at the front or back of the sanctuary.

Junior Chapel is on summer break. If needed, the nursery is available for your children during the worship service.

Offertory

“Abide With Me”

Organ

Stanley E. Saxton

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Gen Fiorino

Romans 5:1–11 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

¹⁰ For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4:5–42 (NIV)

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet.

²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is

from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they

urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.
41 And because of his words many more became believers.
42 They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

MESSAGE

Jamie Fiorino

“Known and Loved”

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“GOD IS LOVE, LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM”

(Hymn 70)

(VERSE 1)

God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth’s foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes thro’ all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

(VERSE 2)

God is Love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow’s iron rod,
then we find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

(VERSE 3)

God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.

Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

BENEDICTION

Jamie Fiorino

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Organ

Arr. Wilbur Held

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Thank you to Jim Wallrabenstein for your wonderful music each Sunday! Jim takes the month of August off from playing the organ here at Knox but will be back in September.

Our guest preacher this morning is Jamie Fiorino. Her number one bucket list item is to see all 50 states before she turns 50, and this summer she crossed #49 (New Mexico) off the list! Hawaii is the last state, but she has a few years before the deadline passes! (Perhaps a graduation trip after she gets her Masters of Divinity from Princeton Seminary in 292 days?!?) If you have any Hawaiian tips or places to see, be sure to let her know.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Genesis 29:15–28

Romans 8:26–39

Psalm 105:1–11, 45b

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

or Psalm 128

Questions for Reflection

Are there dilemmas or relationships in which you feel separated from the love of God? Can you imagine that God might be at work there, bringing life in unexpected ways? What would change if you were to claim the promise that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of ferment, God of life,
as I recall the night's unsettled dreams...
as I foresee the day's demands...
 come to me
 in the desires of my heart,
 in the anger of the excluded,
 in all I might discount—
 until I find you everywhere,
until your holy love leavens every impulse,
for I pray in the name of Jesus,
whose surprising call continues. Amen.

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Household Prayer: Evening

Joy of my heart,
thank you for this day's unexpected turns:
for provision when I was stymied
and laughter born of grace.
As I rest in your mercy
open my heart to your unruly love
and the neighbors you have put in my path. Amen.

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