

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 27, 2017

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time/Proper 16

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*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.*

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sam Palpant**

**PRELUDE**

**"Come Sunday"**

*Duke Ellington*

**Judy Palpant**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Sam Palpant**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber;

<sup>4</sup> **indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord watches over you—  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;

<sup>8</sup> **the Lord will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.**

Psalm 121

**\*SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

**“O WORSHIP THE KING”**

*(Hymn #29)*

**(VERSE 1)**

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

**(VERSE 2)**

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

**(VERSE 3)**

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

**(VERSE 4)**

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and friend.

**TIME OF PRAYER**

**John McCallum**

**Prayer of Confession**

**We confess that in our lives we do not always  
choose the way of peace.**

**We spread gossip which fans the flames of hatred.  
We are ready to make any sacrifice when the world  
demands, but few when God invites.**

**We worship the God of security.**

**We hold out one hand in friendship, but keep a  
weapon in the other behind our back.**

**We have divided your body of people into those we  
trust and those we do not.**

**Huge problems challenge us in the world, but our  
greed, fear and selfishness prevent us from  
uniting to solve them.**

**Lord, we need your help and forgiveness, your  
reconciling power.**

*[Silent Prayer]*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Be present living Christ, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed in your suffering, and all dying glorified by your risen life. Amen.

*Both of these prayers come from "2000 Years of Prayer" compiled by Michael Counsell; Morehouse Publishing, 1999*

**SONG OF WORSHIP:**

*please remain seated*

**"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"**

*(Hymn #130)*

**(VERSE 1)**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

**(VERSE 2)**

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

**(VERSE 3)**

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

**(VERSE 4)**

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

**(VERSE 5)**

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Rev. Don Meekhof**

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

**Ruby Bostrom**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Lord, we remember that You are able to make all grace abound to us, so that in all things at all times, having all that we need, we will abound in every good work. May we give with cheerful hearts. Amen.

**\*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**

Almighty God,  
you took a baby from the Nile  
and used him to lead your people to the  
promised land.

Take our offerings  
and use them for your people in this land and  
throughout your world.

In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

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

*Junior Chapel is on summer break until Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. The nursery is available for your children during the worship service.*

**Offertory**

**Faith McCallum**

**"Near the Cross"**

*William Doane / Fanny Crosby*

**READING OF THE SCRIPTURES**

**Faith McCallum**

**Isaiah 51:1-6 (NIV)**

**Everlasting Salvation for Zion**

51 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness  
and who seek the Lord:

Look to the rock from which you were cut  
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

<sup>2</sup> look to Abraham, your father,  
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man,  
and I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will surely comfort Zion  
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;  
he will make her deserts like Eden,  
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.

Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

<sup>4</sup> "Listen to me, my people;  
hear me, my nation:

Instruction will go out from me;  
my justice will become a light to the nations.

<sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near speedily,  
my salvation is on the way,  
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me  
and wait in hope for my arm.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
look at the earth beneath;  
the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment  
and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever,  
my righteousness will never fail.

### **Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)**

#### **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**MESSAGE**

**Jamie Fiorino**

**“But Who Do You Say That I Am?”**

**\*SONG OF WORSHIP:**

**“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.

**BENEDICTION**

**Jamie Fiorino**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Wayfaring Stranger"**

**Judy Palpant**

*South American Folk Hymn*

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**Our guest preacher this morning is Jamie Fiorino.** She is a graduate of the University of Idaho, where her favorite class was "History of Piracy." Yes, pirates; as in, "ahoy, matey." From the ancient marauders who kidnapped Plato to the Golden Age with Capt. Blackbeard and Henry Morgan to the modern pirates of Somalia and the Persian Gulf. You'd be surprised how enlightening and helpful that class has been, especially in ministry and classes at Princeton Seminary, where she will graduate with a Master of Divinity in 271 days.

## Today's Lectionary Readings

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

**Romans 12:1-8**

**Psalms 124**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

When have you succeeded in resisting the forces that seek to conform us to the world? How was that felt like “spiritual worship”? What are the ways you most readily answer Jesus’ question: “Who do you say that I am?”

### *Questions for Reflection*

#### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Today, O God,  
help me received your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah,  
the Son of the living God.  
It is in his name that I pray. Amen

#### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Holy God,  
for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you,  
I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory;  
for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you,  
I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your  
glory. Amen.

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