

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 24, 2017

16th Sunday after Pentecost / 25th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 20

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

Jason Stuart

PRELUDE

"Sanctuary Prayer"

Organ

Eric Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jason Stuart

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his
benefits — who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,**

He redeems your life from the pit, and he crowns you
with steadfast love and mercy.

**He satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

from Psalm 103:1–5

*SONGS OF WORSHIP:

"ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR"

(Hymn #204)

(REFRAIN)

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

(VERSE 1)

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(VERSE 2)

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply:

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,

to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(VERSE 3)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(VERSE 4)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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TIME OF PRAYER

Joyce Miller

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Call to Confession

Brother and sisters,
God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,
because God cares for you eternally.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
we confess that we do not always bring honor and
glory to your name.
We are rebellious and weak;
we flee before your goodness.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and
mercy of Christ,
that we may rise up again in peace to love and
serve your world. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers,
the Spirit of God is resting on you,
to restore, support, and strengthen you.

Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives
and loves you;
rise up and give God thanks.

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SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

"I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL"

(VERSE 1)

When the morning falls on the farthest hill
I will sing His name I will praise Him still

(VERSE 2)

When dark trials come and my heart is filled
With the weight of doubt I will praise Him still

(CHORUS 1)

For the Lord our God He is strong to save
From the arms of death from the deepest grave

(VERSE 3)

And He gave us life in His perfect will
And by His good grace I will praise Him still

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

***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.**

Offering Prayer

Joyce Miller

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life,
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus
Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your
mercies
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth
your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

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

The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

“Aria”

Organ

Cesar Franck

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Galen Miller

Philippians 2:1–11 (NRSV)

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

1 Peter 5:5–8 (NRSV)

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

“God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

MESSAGE

Rev. Don Meekhof

**“Why God Highly Exalts His Dear Son!”
(He Handled His Humanity with Humility)**

Sermon Text: “Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth” — *Philippians 2:9–10 (NSRV)*

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“I EXALT THEE”

For Thou oh Lord art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
For Thou oh Lord art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods

(CHORUS)

**I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord
I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord**

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Don Meekhof

POSTLUDE

Organ

"Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise"

Arr. Wilbur Held

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In the pulpit today: Don Meekhof is our “*Temporary Stated Supply*” pastor. Those words in quotes are the official title given by Presbytery because with Shared Ministry there is no full-time pastor. However, Don most definitely has a full-time love for shepherding the flock of Christ and we are blessed to have him with us!

Today’s Lectionary Readings

Exodus 16:2–15

Philippians 1:21–30

Questions for Reflection

In Matthew 20:1–16, what is the landowner's motivation for paying the workers the same wages? When has God provided for you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God,

thank you for this day.

Help me hear others as I know that you always hear me.

Open my heart and help me give myself with grateful praise,
to things you have set for me today.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God,

thank you for always being with me.

Rest now in me, God, so that I will wake in the morning.

with praise and thanksgiving on my lips.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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