

Order of Worship
September 12th 2021 ~ 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

We are here
to worship a remarkable God.
**The love of God welcomes us,
the grace of Christ awaits us,
the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**

Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful,
come as the recipients of amazing grace.
**The love of God overflows our hearts,
The grace of Christ liberates our spirits,
The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds. Amen.**

~ written by Bruce Prewer

Hymn of Praise

God Bless America
By Irving Berlin

While the storm clouds gather far
across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land
that's free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so
fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn
prayer.

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from
above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet
home.
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Opening Prayer

O Lord, our Savior,
you have told us that you will require much
of those to whom much is given.
Grant that we who have so great a heritage
may strive together more abundantly
to extend to others what we so richly enjoy.
As we have supported the labors of others,
by working with them,
in their turn others may support us in our work,
to the fulfillment of your holy will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

~ Augustine of Hippo

Special Music

The Power Of One
Israel Houghton & Ricardo Sanchez

Scripture Reading

—, Reader

Galatians 5:3-18

The Message

3-15 It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

16-18 My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are contrary to each other, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?

Luke 6:46-49

The Message

46-47 "Why are you so polite with me, always saying 'Yes, sir,' and 'That's right, sir,' but never doing a thing I tell you? These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on.

48-49 "If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Freedom – The End or the Means

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

—, Reader

Offertory

The Finale from *Children of Eden*

Stephen Schwartz

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

All Around The World

Verse 1

All around the world the Kingdom
cry resounds
From mountain town to desert plain
From city to the shore
Truth will not be bound by walls
upon the earth
From ev'ry nation tribe and tongue
God calls His people forth

Chorus

All praise to the King of the new
Jerusalem
Where all of the saints with one
voice
Will worship the Lamb
Will forever worship the Lamb

Verse 2

Restless is the world unchanging is
His Word
Unshaken is our confidence in
Christ the Risen Lord
All who bear His name unite to
breathe as one
We share the joys and pains we
face
And pray His Kingdom come

Chorus

All praise to the King of the new
Jerusalem
Where all of the saints with one
voice
Will worship the Lamb
Will forever worship the Lamb

Verse 3

Boldly we proclaim the power of the
cross
In ev'ry language art and deed
We tell the wonder of grace
Then when Christ returns
His church will rise adorned
With treasure brought from ev'ry
land
To glorify the Lord

Chorus

All praise to the King of the new
Jerusalem
Where all of the saints with one
voice
Will worship the Lamb
Will forever worship the Lamb

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Closing Prayer

O God of love, we pray thee to give us love:
Love in our thinking, love in our speaking,
Love in our doing, and love in the hidden places of our souls;
Love of our neighbours near and far;
Love of our friends, old and new;
Love of those with whom we find it hard to bear,
And love of those who find it hard to bear with us;
Love of those with whom we work,
And love of those with whom we take our ease;
Love in joy, love in sorrow;
Love in life and love in death;
That so at length we may be worthy to dwell with thee,
Who art eternal love.
Amen.

– William Temple 1881-1944

Blessing

Postlude

Alabaster Jar
Walker Beach & Zach Neese

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Maureen Jackson.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

9:00 Video Greeting: Micha Schoepe from Germany!
9:00 Greeters (in-person): Randy and Jeanne Woods
9:00 Reader (Scripture, Prayer of the People): Rebecca
Paschal

10:30 Greeter: Marie Kelly
10:30 Scripture Reader: Marie Kelly

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