

**Order of Worship**  
July 23rd 2023 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.  
**With bright eyes, let us search.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.  
**With engaged minds, let us ponder.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.  
**With compassionate hearts, let us feel.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.  
**With solid devotion, let us follow.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.  
**With humble intention, let us act.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.  
**With strong voices, let us sing. Amen.**

~ written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson

**Hymn of Praise**

*In Christ Alone*  
WS #132

**Verse 1**

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

**Verse 2**

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 love of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

**Verse 3**

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

**Verse 4**

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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## Opening Prayer

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.  
Because of God's everlasting goodness,  
we offer God our thanks and praise. God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.  
Because of God's care and concern for humanity,  
we offer God our thanks and praise. God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.  
Because of God's transforming powers and actions,  
we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—  
and we offer God our thanks and praise. **Amen.**

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## Special Music

*Elk River Blues*  
Ernie Carpenter

## Scripture Reading

### ***Philemon 8-22***

8 I could be bold enough, as your brother in Christ, to order you to do what should be done. 9 But because I love you, I make a request instead. I do this even though I am Paul, the ambassador of Christ Jesus, and at present also a prisoner for his sake. 10 So I make a request to you on behalf of Onesimus, who is my own son in Christ; for while in prison I have become his spiritual father. 11 At one time he was of no use to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me.

12 I am sending him back to you now, and with him goes my heart. 13 I would like to keep him here with me, while I am in prison for the gospel's sake, so that he could help me in your place. 14 However, I do not want to force you to help me; rather, I would like for you to do it of your own free will. So I will not do anything unless you agree.

15 It may be that Onesimus was away from you for a short time so that you might have him back for all time. 16 And now he is not just a slave, but much more than a slave: he is a dear brother in Christ. How much he means to me! And how much more he will mean to you, both as a slave and as a brother in the Lord!

17 So, if you think of me as your partner, welcome him back just as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to my account. 19 Here, I will write this with my own hand: I, Paul, will pay you back (I should not have to remind you, of course, that you owe your very self to me.) 20 So, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake; as a brother in Christ, cheer me up!

21 I am sure, as I write this, that you will do what I ask—in fact I know that you will do even more. 22 At the same time, get a room ready for me, because I hope that God will answer the prayers of all of you and give me back to you.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*Change – A New Chapter*  
Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

## Offertory

*Samba Triste*  
Baden Powell

## 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.*

## Closing Hymn

*How Great Thou Art*  
RH #147

### Verse 1

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

### Chorus

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

### Verse 2

When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze

### Chorus

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

### Verse 3

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

### Chorus

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art

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Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
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### Verse 4

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

### Chorus

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

## Closing Prayer

“O God, grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference;  
living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardships as a pathway to peace;  
taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;  
trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will;  
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next.”  
**Amen.**

~ Reinhold Niebuhr

## Blessing

## Postlude

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### ***Our love in action now begins***

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This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by  
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*Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!*

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Altar – Sue de Campo  
Greeters – Dean & Sherri Goodwin (9), Will & Wade Gerardi (10:30)  
Scripture Reader and Prayers of the People – Jacqui Horton  
Scripture Reader (10:30) – Susan Kelly-Crowley

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