

Order of Worship 12 July 2020

Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.

Romans 1:7

To all who are in Christ, beloved of God, called to be saints: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm of the Day

We begin our worship with a silent meditation on our Psalm of the Day during the Prelude. Use this time to focus your hearts and minds on God as he speaks to us through his Word.

Psalm 16

A *miktam* of David.

- 1 Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."
- 3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
- 4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.
- 5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
- 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
- 7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
- 10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
- 11 You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Prelude

Prelude in C Major (BWV 545)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, organ

***Call to Worship**

Our Call to Worship draws us into conversation with our God, and is usually taken from our Psalm of the Day. We address one another and enter God's presence together.

From Psalm 16

Leader: Say to the LORD: "You are my Lord! Apart from you I can do no good thing!

People: We claim him alone as our portion and our cup!

Leader: Praise the LORD, who counsels you; who, even at night gives instruction to your heart!

People: We make our hearts glad! We loosen our tongues with joy! We sense in our very bodies the security of his protection!

Leader: Let us walk upon his path of life together!

People: We long for the fullness of joy in his presence; for the eternal pleasures that await us at his right hand!

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Having called one another to God's praise, we turn to God and ask for his presence and power.

From Psalm 16

Mighty God, indeed we have no refuge apart from your loving care and in your everlasting security. Enfold us within your protective walls and remind us in this hour that in you our defense is sure. Everlasting Treasure, there is no good thing that lasts apart from you, and every good and perfect gift you give us is ours because you—our greatest treasure of all—are ours in Christ Jesus. Allow us to taste and see your goodness afresh today, and to become more convinced still that you are the giver of life, and that in Christ's life and in his kingdom, everything else is added unto us as well. Rich and generous King, thank you for giving us an royal inheritance greater even than King David's, in Christ Jesus, great David's greater son! May we enjoy in this time together the down payment of our rich inheritance as we experience the power and pleasure of worship in your Spirit and truth! Make our hearts glad. Make our mouths rejoice! And give us a foretaste of the joy and pleasure that will be ours together forever, in and with Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns at your right hand with you and with your blessed Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Song of Praise**

With our Song of Praise, we begin our worship by exalting God for who he is and what he has done.

For the Beauty of The Earth

Ruth Pfister, organ

For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,

This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

We ask God to make the Scripture fresh, encouraging, and convicting to us as we sit under its ministry.

From Psalm 16

Gracious God and Father, as we come to sit under the ministry of your Word and Spirit, give us as sense of the privilege we enjoy as inheritors of your portion and protection, your covenants and your cup, your justice and your joy. Allow us each, and all of us together, to experience your pleasures as we draw near, through Jesus, to your right hand. And in view of the pleasures we experience in you and by your Spirit, convince our hearts that we can and must cast aside all the false gods and idols that tempt to rob us of your delights. Speak to us now, for your children are here, listening. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

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Examination

We reflect on the Psalm of the Day and use it to examine our hearts and minds, leading us to confession of our sin. Please turn in your Bibles to Psalm 16 as we reflect on it together.

Please open your Bibles to Psalm 16.

Psalm 16 is a song that is meant to convince its singers that everything their hearts truly desire is found in our Lord alone. It calls us to confess this truth with our mouths (verse 2): "outside of you, I've got nothing good!" It calls us to sense this reality in our experience (verse 9): "make your heart glad and full of joy, singers!" Why? Because (verse 10) in the hands of this loving Lord, we are safe even in death.

And all this means that we must abandon all searches for other gods (verse 4).

How can we say that God gives all good gifts, that God himself is the best gift, that we are constantly experiencing the goodness of his generosity, and that one of those good gifts is salvation from death itself ... and then run after other things to satisfy us, comfort us, and give us joy?

All of us have something good in our life from which we are trying to extract the joy that only comes in God himself. All of us have some idol tempting us to bow down to it and serve it.

Let us confess our sins together.

Silent Confession

Take a moment to reflect and to confess your sins silently before the Lord.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have run after idols. You've made good things and given them to us. And we have turned away from you, their maker and giver, and have attached ourselves to these things instead of to you. None of our false gods have lived up to their false promises. Only you have pleasures forevermore at your right hand. Therefore we confess our sins, and ask your forgiveness. Set our hearts on you and upon your Son alone, that our joy may be complete in him. For your name's sake:
Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

Dear Church: the psalmist says that people who constantly go after false gods suffer more and more. But the psalmist also says that when we abandon our pursuit of false gods, the Lord will not abandon us to the destruction our idolatry leads to. In Jesus Christ, who is at God's right hand, having purchased your pardon with his blood and won everlasting life for you in his resurrection, you are given a full inheritance and all the pleasures of glory—just as if you had always treasured the Lord alone and had never served an idol. God is gracious! Rise up in his grace and forgiveness, and pursue the pleasures of his right hand alone, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Ruth Pfister, organ

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen! Amen!

Let the Children Come to Him!

Minute for Mission

Children's Message

Pastor Sam E. Gyorfi

Children's Resources

Preaching of the Word

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Philippians 1:12-26

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Sermon

The Spirit's Fruit (Part 2): Joy

Rev. Andrew R. Stager

Responding to God's Word

*Song of Response

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Paul Gerhardt (1653), Translated John Wesley (1739)

Tune: J.G. Walton, Henri F. Hemy (1864)

Ruth Pfister, organ

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me,
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;

O knit my thankful heart to Thee,
and reign without a rival there.

Thine wholly, Thine alone, I am;
be Thou my Rod and Staff and Guide.

O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but Thy pure love alone!
O may Thy love possess my whole,
my Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown.
All coldness from my heart remove;
my ev'ry act, word, thought, be love.

O love, how cheering is thy ray!
All pain before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow, melt away,
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire or seek, but Thee.

Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

Please consider taking this time to make a contribution to the ministry of our church through an online bank transfer, PayPal, or Twint. For more, [click here](#).

Offertory

“O Dieu, tu gonois qui je suis”

Melody for Psalm 139 Genevan Psalter (1551)

Loys Bourgeois (ca. 1510 — ca. 1560)

Harry White, saxophone

*Doxology

Ruth Pfister, organ

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!

Calling on the Name of the Lord

Prayers of the People

We join together in prayer. We praise God; we pray for our world, for the church, for ourselves, and we pray the Lord's Prayer.

At the end of each petition, the leader will say:

Lord, in your mercy ...

And the congregation may respond:

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Now we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

*Sending Song

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Tune: Richard Wayne Dirksen

Rejoice, ye pure in heart,

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing:

Your festal banner wave on high,

The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice,

Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path,

Still chanting as ye go;

From youth to age, by night and day,

In gladness and in woe.

Rejoice, rejoice,

Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

At last the march shall end,

The wearied ones shall rest,

The pilgrims find their Father's house,

Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice, rejoice,

Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart,

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;

Your glorious banner wave on high,

The cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice,

Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

*Commissioning and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face to shine on you

and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!

Postlude

Fugue in C Major (BWV 545)

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