

# Order of Worship 26 July 2020

## Gathering in God's Presence

### Greeting

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

Matthew 19:14

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Greetings, little children young and old, 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 62**

*For the director of music. For Jeduthun. A psalm of David.*

- 1 Truly my soul finds rest in God;  
my salvation comes from him.
- 2 Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.
- 3 How long will you assault me?  
Would all of you throw me down—  
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?
- 4 Surely they intend to topple me  
from my lofty place;  
they take delight in lies.
- With their mouths they bless,  
but in their hearts they curse.
- 5 Yes, my soul, find rest in God;  
my hope comes from him.
- 6 Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
- 7 My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge.
- 9 Surely the lowborn are but a breath,  
the highborn are but a lie.  
If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;  
together they are only a breath.
- 10 Do not trust in extortion  
or put vain hope in stolen goods;  
though your riches increase,

do not set your heart on them.  
11 One thing God has spoken,  
two things I have heard:  
“Power belongs to you, God,  
12 and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;  
and, “You reward everyone  
according to what they have done.”

## Prelude

### **Prelude in C Major BWV 567**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

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 62

Leader: Listen, all souls: find your rest in your God!

**People: Our salvation comes from him alone; we will rest in him!**

Leader: Hide yourself in your Rock! Take shelter, people, in your Fortress!

**People: We cannot be shaken as we dwell in him!**

Leader: Pour out your hearts to him!

**People: We trust him with our hearts and our lives, for there is no one else who loves us with such unfailing love!**

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.*

Gracious God and Father, we have no one in our lives that is trustworthy, compassionate, strong, and gracious like you. As we enter into the shelter of your name, we claim the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Fortress. In him we pour our praises and prayers; in him we seek instruction in your holy ways; in him we look to bear the fruit of patience. Be patient with us as we worship, and form in us your own image, as we imitate Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray, and whose name we exalt upon our praises. 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.*

### **Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Text: Christian Henry Bateman

Tune: MADRID, arr. Carr

Ruth Pfister, organ

Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice;  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end;  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

## 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 62**

Gracious God and Father, as we attend to your word, we come as those who need to be encouraged in our fleeting faithfulness. Extend your own unfailing faithfulness to us once again, and by the power of your Spirit, convince our hearts that they can rest and find shelter in you alone. Then form in us, by your Word and Spirit, great patience— with you and with one another— as we await the completion of your work in us, through us, in one another, and in the world. For Christ's sake we ask it. Amen.

### 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 62 as we reflect on it together.*

Psalm 62, verse 10 challenges us to be patient with the Lord as he brings about his purposes. Our temptation may be to use deceitful and underhanded schemes to try to

force the blessings that are promised to us. In our impatience, we may be tempted to take from others what we grow impatient waiting on the Lord to provide. There is also the temptation, even if we prosper through honest means, to put our success, possessions, and status at the center of our identity. When we do this, we have anchored our hearts into shifting sand.

In what ways have you grown impatient waiting for the good things that the Lord promises? Have you defrauded others of honor, possessions, or reputation, in order to gain these things for yourself? Have you made your honor, possessions, or reputation the measure by which you assess your life, rather than the steadfast and enduring love of the Lord?

Let us confess our sins.

### Silent Confession

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

### Prayer of Confession of Sin

Great God, no matter how much we accumulate in the way of possessions or esteem, if we are not rooted in your love and faithfulness; if we are not anchored in you, our Solid Rock, we are nothing. We repent for the many times that we have grown impatient with you, thinking that you are slow to fulfill your promises. We are sorry for the way our impatience has prompted us to defraud our neighbor, taking their blessings for ourselves. And we are most sorry of all for not delighting in your unfailing love and the firmness of all your promises, which are “yes and amen” in Jesus Christ, in whose name we boldly approach your throne of grace and seek your forgiveness and renewal. Amen.

### \*Assurance of God’s Pardon

Friends in Christ, when you abandon your flimsy shelters and hide in the refuge of the Lord God, you are sheltered. When you pull your hearts from the shifting sand of power and possessions, status and esteem, and anchor them in Christ alone, you are rooted firmly, and cannot be moved. In Jesus Christ, whose incarnation, life, death, and resurrection demonstrate the trustworthiness of all God’s promises and the patience of God in the face of your slowness of heart, you are forgiven of your sins and can rest in his grace. The Lord repays everyone according to what they have done. The Lord Jesus has done all things well, and in him, we are not repaid for our sins, but according to his righteousness. Thanks be to God! 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!

## Old Testament Lesson

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Let the Children Come to Him!

Children's Message

Pastor Sam E. Gyorfi

# Preaching of the Word

## Meditation

### **I Got a Home in that Rock**

Randal Turner, Baritone and Ruth Pfister, Piano

## New Testament Lesson

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

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

### **Philippians 4:18-30**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

## Sermon

The Spirit's Fruit (Part 4): Patience

## Responding to God's Word

### \*Song of Response

#### **O God, What You Ordain is Right**

Text: Samuel Rodigast (c. 1675), trans. Catherine Winkworth (1853)

Tune: WAS GOT T T U T, Severus Gastorius (1679)

O God, what You ordain is right,  
Your holy will abiding;

I shall be still, whate'er You do,  
And follow where You are guiding.  
You are my God;  
Though dark my road,  
You hold me that I shall not fall;  
Wherefore to You I leave it all.

O God, what You ordain is right;  
You never will deceive me.  
You lead me by the proper path;  
I know You will not leave me.  
And take, content,  
What You have sent;  
Your hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait Your day.

O God, what You ordain is right;  
Here shall my stand be taken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
Yet I am not forsaken.  
Your watchful care  
Is round me there;  
You hold me that I shall not fall,  
And so to You I leave it all.

### 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 cognois qui ie suis**

Melody for Psalm 139 by Loys Bourgeois (ca. 1510-ca. 1560)

Harry White, saxophone

## Feasting at the Lord's Table

### Invitation

We join together at the Lord's Table to remember the way our Lord Jesus gave his life for us, and to experience his resurrection life, as he communes intimately with us. If you are trusting in Jesus, you are welcome to commune with us. If for any reason you are not communing with us today, please receive this blessing instead:

May Jesus draw you near to himself, show you his grace and glory, and give you courage and peace to follow him in the days ahead. Amen

## Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Gracious God, it is truly good and right that we should always praise and magnify your name, for you have made us for yourself, you have made a world for us to inhabit and enjoy, and you have given your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from all the sin with which we have spoiled your good creation and tarnished your image. Through him we come to you with great hope, rejoicing with joy unspeakable, and awaiting the redemption of our bodies and the renewal of the whole creation, until that day when we praise you in resurrection glory with angles and archangels and the whole host of heaven, with whom we exalt your holy name even now, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## The Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Prayer of Consecration

Heavenly Father, as we draw near to the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, be pleased to share in intimate communion with us through him. Set apart these common things—bread, wine, juice—for this glorious and holy purpose. And use this table fellowship to nourish our spirits, to strengthen our witness, and to unite us as your people, to the honor and glory of our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## The Bread and the Cup

As we take the bread, we say: This is his body, given for you: take and eat.

As we take the cup, we say: This is his blood, shed for you: take and drink.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, thank you for being pleased to see us in communion with yourself through your Son, by the power of your Spirit, despite the distance between heaven where Jesus sits and earth where we sit, and despite the distance we sit from one



another. We are reminded that neither height nor depth, nor life nor death, nor anything in all creation is able to separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. And we rejoice that you will keep us in the palm of your hands as your treasured possession until that day when our faith becomes sight, and we see our Savior face to face. Make that day come quickly, and make us faithful until that day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### \*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!

## Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

### \*Sending Song

#### **Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord**

Text: William H. Foulkes

Tune: HALL

Composer: Calvin Weiss Laufer

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;  
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;  
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;  
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;  
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;  
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;  
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;  
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;  
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

\*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 E flat Major BWV 552**

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, organ