



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

22nd Sunday after Pentecost | October 24, 2021

**Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.
All speak words in **boldface**.*

❖ Called by God We Gather ❖

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Gather and greet each other in joy.)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC
(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence in our midst.)
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty arr. Johann Gottfried Walther

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord our Lord is so awesome!
**How great the heavens, how small are we,
and yet we sense God's care.** (Ps. 8)
God made the world and welcomed us in it.
Let us worship God who welcomes us all.

*HYMN #35
vv. 1 & 3

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

***Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!***

***Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.***

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God of our beginning, **we praise you.**

With words and wind

you created the world and all that is in it.

You welcomed every part and facet with love,
calling what you created, "Good."

When we pause long enough to take all that in,
our joy and gratitude overflow.

We wonder with the psalmist:

**"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?"** (Psalm 8:3-4)

The praise flows from our lips,

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

We remember how Jesus lived here on earth,
welcoming and caring for unlikely people:

women, tax collectors, children,
sinners, outsiders, and betrayers.

He used his gifts to serve and to heal
and made himself vulnerable – even unto death –
to protect and love all of your people.

**Who are we, that you would send your Son to us?
Not to condemn but to love and welcome us?**

Out of gratitude, we strive to follow you,
but wonder if others can see you in our lives,
our conversations, our welcome.

Confident of your mercy,
we silently offer our confessions.

(Silent prayers of confession)

O Lord our Lord,

how majestic, how wonderful is your name.

In your mercy, forgive our reluctance to see Christ in everyone.

**Give us strength and courage to take risks
as we practice loving in new and powerful ways
that invite all your children to the table**

in a welcome that creates shalom.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, what are we that God is mindful of us?
Who are we that God should care for us?
We are God's beloved children; We are siblings of Jesus,
made one Body by God's Spirit.
This is the good news of God's grace:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Let it be.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

***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.*** (TEXT: Trad. liturgical text P.D. TUNE: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 P.D.)

❖ **To Hear God's Word of Grace** ❖

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42

DUET *The Loving God Who Made Us All* arr. Andrew Birling

Sue Anderson, soprano; Ken Curry, tenor

The loving God who made us all has given gifts to each.
For some are gifted with a saw, while some are called to preach.
And some are called to work with young, while others care for old.
The different gifts that each one has create a special whole.

The loving Christ who walked on earth saw everyone the same:
the tax collector, fisherman, the wealthy, and the lame.
His care for each saw past their face and saw their heart inside.
And for them all he gave his life when on the cross he died.

The loving Spirit with us now has called us all to be
a loving presence in the world to all God's family.
To welcome those within our midst with more than passing nod.
To celebrate the lives and loves of every child of God!

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❖ To Respond in Faith with Gratitude ❖

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Worship and Outreach

Gail Thomas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*HYMN #767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

v. 1, duet; vv. 2-4, congregation

***Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God’s love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.***

***We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.***

***Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.***

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