



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

23rd Sunday after Pentecost | October 31, 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.)*

Setting on "O God of Earth and Space"

arr. David N. Johnson

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

O God of Earth and Space

LEONI

***O God of earth and space, of sea and fire and air,
your providence surrounds us here and everywhere.***

***In fruit and grain and tree, in shelter from the cold,
in cooling breezes, flowing wells, now as of old***

***Where faithfulness is shown,
where love and truth abound,
where beauty graces human life, there you are found.
Inspirer of all thought, creative force of art,
the melody on every tongue, in every heart***

*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

O God of Earth and Space

LEONI

***Your word commands response and summons us to life.
We follow strengthened by your grace in calm or strife.
Our ever present help, our challenge and our prod,
we praise you now and to life's end, eternal God.***

❖ To Hear God's Word of Grace ❖

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:36-50

DUET

O God, We Bear the Imprint
Alberta Gisel, alto; Ed Carter, baritone
(Use hymn #759 to follow the text.)

Murray & Tucker

SERMON

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The All in Y'All"

Rev. Laura Viau

❖ 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.

*REMEMBRANCE AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ALL SAINTS DAY
 (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,
 but belong – body and soul, in life and in death–
 to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
 He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
 and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
 He also watches over me in such a way
 that not a hair can fall from my head
 without the will of my Father in heaven;
 in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
 Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
 assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly
 willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Hymn

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 we be-long to God; we be-long to God.

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With thanksgiving, we remember:

Anna O'Brian, January 11, 2021 ❖ Steve Spoon, March 4, 2021 ❖ Martha Miller ❖
Janelle Gore, March 10, 2021 ❖ Tom Robbins, March 23, 2021 ❖
Carolyn Blythe, June 10, 2021 ❖ Kat Cheves, July 12, 2021 ❖
Vicki Blount, July 13, 2021 ❖ Ann Long, July 22, 2021 ❖
Those whose loss we feel keenly but were not counted among our own ❖
Those whose faith was known only to God ❖

O Lord our God, we thank you for the many people throughout the ages who have followed your way of life joyfully: for the many saints and martyrs, men and women, who have offered up their very lives so that your life abundant may become manifest and your kingdom may advance.

**For your love and faithfulness
we will at all times praise your name.**

O Lord, we thank you for those who chose the way of your Son, our brother Jesus Christ. In the midst of trial, they held out hope; in the midst of hatred, they kindled love; in the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power; in the midst of despair, they clung to your promise.

**For your love and faithfulness
we will at all times praise your name.**

O Lord, we thank you for the truth they learned and passed on to us: that it is by giving that we shall receive; it is by becoming weak that we shall be strong; it is by loving others that we shall be loved; it is by offering ourselves that the kingdom will unfold; it is by dying that we shall inherit life everlasting. Lord, give us courage to follow your way of life.

**For your love and faithfulness
we will at all times praise your name. Amen.**

*HYMN

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

***For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!***

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906. P.D.

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*HYMN

O God of Earth and Space

LEONI

***Wherever freedom reigns, where sin is overthrown,
where justice fused with mercy rules, there you are known.
Give us the courage clear to make the earth a home
for all to live in harmony, in Christ's shalom***

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