

August 29, 2021

* = All who are able please stand.

boldface = congregation participates

Before the service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a community of disciples with a heart for God and hands to help others.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, let our hearts not be far from you. Create in us a clean heart in this time of worship. Amen.

PRELUDE: *Let It Be*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us begin this time of worship today by praying together:
Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst.

People: Let our worship be pleasing in your sight,

Leader: May our gathering be a true experience of deep communion with you and one another.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.

*SONG: *Come Now Is The Time To Worship*

Come now is the time to worship.
Come now is the time to give.
your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before you
God. Come.

2 Willingly we choose to surrender our lives. Willingly our knees will bow. With all our heart soul mind and strength we gladly choose You now

Come. Come just as you are.
Come. Come

1 One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion! Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me. I've sinned against you. I've committed evil in your sight. Purify me, and I will be clean. Let me hear joy and celebration again. Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me! Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Through the love of Jesus Christ, we have been returned the joy of God's salvation.

People: God sustains us with a willing Spirit. We are loved and forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 15

¹ O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? ² Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; ³ who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; ⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; ⁵ who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

⁷ ¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live[d] according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *Human Hearts*

Responding to the Word

SONG: *Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me

1 Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord
And take not Thy holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

2 Have mercy on me, O Lord in all your goodness.
In your great compassion, wipe my sins.
Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me from my
sins

And renew a right spirit within me.

3 Open my lips, and I proclaim your praise.
My humble heart I offer up to you.
May the sacrifice I give be pleasing in your eyes

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION – High School Mission Trip Report

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG: *God You Reign

1 You paint the night
You count the stars and You call them by name
The skies proclaim God You reign
Your glory shines
You teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creation sings God You reign

(CHORUS)
(Woh) God You reign
God You reign
Forever and ever
God You reign

2 You part the seas. You move the mountains
with the words that You say
My song remains God You reign
You hold my life
You know my heart and You call me by name
I live to say God You reign

(BRIDGE)
Hallelujah hallelu
Hallelujah hallelu
(REPEAT)

Going Forth to Serve

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Gerry Widener (9am), Jenny McMyler (11:15am) Readers

Messenger Band

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor