



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
7th Sunday of Pentecost
July 11, 2021

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "He Leadeth Me "

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by William Bradbury

arranged by Heather Sorenson

"He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me.

His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
Before the gods I sing your praise.

I bow down before you and

I give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

On the day I called,
you answered me and increased the strength of my soul.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Let us worship God

***Opening Hymn "With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"**

No. 334
vs. 1, 2, 4

1. With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the "gods" your praise I sing;
I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine in your most holy Word divine.
2. I cried to you, and you did save; your word of grace new courage gave.
The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord, for they have heard your wondrous word;
yes, they shall come with songs of praise, for great and glorious are your ways.
4. You will stretch forth your mighty arm to save me when my foes alarm.
The work you have for me begun shall by your grace be fully done.
Your love forever will endure; your mercy, Lord, is ever sure.

OPENING PRAYER

We sing psalms of adoration, O God, we gather in praise of your name. You send your Spirit into our midst filling us with the promise of new life. We are aglow with the light that Christ shines on the new day, dispelling the darkness of the night that has passed. Be among us to gather our words of devotion and be in us as we seek to obey your will. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all peoples and nations, hear our confession and forgive our sin. We make enemies of strangers when we distrust them. Fear and suspicion keep your people apart. Jesus came to reconcile our differences, yet your people do not dine at one common table. Heal our divisions and overcome our hostility. Unite us in the bond of your encompassing love.

(A moment of personal reflection)

And all of God's people said, **Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

When we come before the judgment seat of Christ with true repentance, we can win a victory over sin. Christ died for us, that we might no longer live only for ourselves. In Christ, we are a new creation. The old has passed away, the new has come. We can live confidently in joyous daring service. Friends, rejoice, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

"I Come with Joy"

Hymn No. 515 vs. 1

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another...Peace be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please greet each other with the peace of Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE **2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17** **CEB**

ANTHEM **"How Can I Keep From Singing?"** **arr. Eric Nelson**

OLD TESTAMENT **1 Samuel 15:34-16:13** **CEB**

SERMON **"Chosen?"** **Jim Musgrave**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. .

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN** **"There Is Now a New Creation"** No. 774 vs. 1, 2, 4

1. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

2. Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

4. Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast;
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/ LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 307 vs. 1, 2, 4

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow'r.
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

***WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Now, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and always. **Alleluia! Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**