



# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 19, 2021

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" arr. Mike Springer

### Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

**All: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Liturgist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.** *Psalm 100*

\* **All Singing: "Enter with Praise"**  
*Choir singing verse 1, all joining to sing verse 2*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 571 “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”**  
*Singing verses 1-4*

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.

**All: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

Liturgist: For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

**All: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

Liturgist: For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

**All: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

Liturgist: For the times we refused to forgive others.

**All: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

### *Silent Confession and Lament*

Choir: “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. Robert A. Boyd

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own shall tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil pow'rs he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Liturgist: The Lord comforts those who seek aide for their affliction. The Lord draws the children close to his bosom and offers them words of welcome and forgiveness. To those who draw close forgiveness is given.

**All: Praise be the Lord who sees our lives, comforts our heartaches, and loves us always.**

\* **All Singing: 709 “Jesus Loves Me”**

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Minister: Gracious and loving God,

**All:** in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard;  
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;  
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.  
**Amen.**

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The World Turned Upside Down

\* **All Singing:** **309** “The Servant Song”

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Tuition Assistance Benevolence

OFFERTORY

Choir: “Wondrous the Joy of Singing Together” arr. Ken Berg

Wondrous the joy of singing together,  
Blending the voice in anthem and hymn;  
Joining as one in sacred endeavor,  
Strengthening lives without and within.

Melody found in unison singing,  
Harmony bound in strengthening chords;  
Joyous the choir whose purpose is bringing  
Praises to Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Praise God from whom flows every blessing,  
Praise him all creatures singing below.  
Praise him above ye heavens confessing,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* **All Singing:** **571** “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”  
*Singing verse 5*

## Sending

\* **All Singing:** **927** “God the Father of Your People”

BENEDICTION

Postlude: “Song of Hope”

arr. Anna Laura Page

**Worship Leaders**

Organist / Pianist: Dora Diephouse  
Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco  
Choir Director: David Baar  
Accompanist: Beverly Baar  
Preacher: Moises Pacheco

Acolyte: Lydia Carlson  
Liturgist: Jim Achterhof  
Prayer: Gary Medema, Sr.

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