

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Fred Bock

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unit 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: I love the Lord,

**All: for he heard my voice, he heard my cry for mercy.**

Liturgist: The Lord turned his ear to me,

**All: I will call on him as long as I live.**

Liturgist: The cords of death entangled me, and the anguish of the grave overcame me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

**All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"**

Liturgist: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**All: The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low he saved me.**

*Psalm 116:1-6 adapted*

\* **All Singing: 571 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**  
*Singing verses 1 – 3, and 5*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 343 “Blessed Be Your Name”**

*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: Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

**All: For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

*Psalm 116:8-9*

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

**All Singing: 460 “Our Eyes Are Turned”**

*Following lead of the leaders*

Liturgist: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**All: through whom we have gained access by faith into the grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.**

Liturgist: You see, just at the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

**All: For God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Liturgist: Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

**All: For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!**

*Romans 5:1-8 adapted*

Liturgist: What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

**All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Liturgist: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord –

**All: Praise the Lord.** *Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19 adapted*

\* **All Singing: 819 “I Love the Lord”**

*Soloist singing refrain and verse 1, all joining for verses 2 and 3*

Liturgist: Matthew 9:35-38

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All Singing: 754 “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”**

*Singing verses 1, 3, and 5*

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Snorts and Giggles

\* **All Singing: 35 “You Are Our God; We Are Your People”**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Elim Christian Services

OFFERTORY “We Cannot Measure How You Heal” tune: Scottish Traditional

\* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION


\* **All Singing: 950 “Go Now in Peace”**  
*Singing through twice*

Postlude

### Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Vera Hulford
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Jim Achterhof
Vocalist:	Sarah Rinkenberger	Prayer:	Liz Hulford
Violinist:	Frances Boerman-Cornell		
Guitarist:	Jenson Varghese		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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