



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "The God of Abraham Praise"

Hal Hopson

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: The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

Liturgist: I remain confident of this:

All: I will see the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Liturgist: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart, and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:1, 13-14

* **All Singing: 579 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: "Light of the World"**

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You are the Light of the World O Lord, and you make your servants shine. So, how can there be any darkness in me, if you are the Light of the World? You are the Light of the World.

You are the Bread of Life O Lord, broken to set us free. So, how can there be any hunger in me, if you are the Bread of the Life? You are the Bread of Life.

You've overcome the world O Lord, and given us victory. So, how can I fear when trouble is near, if you've overcome the world? You've overcome the world.

Wipe every tear away O Lord, and teach us the song of the Lamb. Your promise is true, but it's still up to you, to wipe every tear away, to wipe every tear away.

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: How long, Lord? How long, Lord?

All: Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Liturgist: How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

All: Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes....
Psalm 13:1-3 adapted

Silent Confession and Reflection

All Singing: 637 “Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)”

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:22-23 adapted

All: Lord God, I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise for he has been good to me.
Psalm 13:5-6

*** All Singing: “Worthy is Your Name”**

**You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.**

**Taking my sin, my cross my shame, rising again I bless your name,
You are my all in all.
When I fall down you pick me up, when I am dry you fill my cup,
You are my all in all.**

Liturgist: Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40 NRSV

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: 765 “God of the Word”

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Living Proof

* **All Singing: 174 “I Stand Amazed”**

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. STRAT

OFFERTORY “Here I Am, Lord”

Jack Schrader

* **All Singing: 959 “Glory Be to the Father”**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “Fugue in F Major”

Handel

Worship Leaders

Organist: Dora Diephouse

Acolyte: Moriah Dykstra

Minister: Roger Nelson

Liturgist: Kris Jousma

Prayer: Dave Jousma

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