



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "How Great is Our God"

by Chris Tomlin

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

All: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

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

All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

Liturgist: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
Psalm 138:1-5

* **All Singing: 572 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**
Singing verses 1, 3, and 5

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 844 “Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”**
Singing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

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: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

Liturgist: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. *Psalm 138:6-8*

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

All: And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Liturgist: He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

All: Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Liturgist: And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.” *Matthew 16:13-18*

* **All Singing: 833 “There is a Redeemer”**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Draw near, O God, in the silence of this hour. Settle us down; silence in us any voice but your own; speak the word you have for us; and give us courage to hear, believe, trust, and follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Subversive Women

* **All Singing: 67 “Blessed Be the God of Israel”**

Dedication

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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. Bethany Christian Services

OFFERTORY “How I Love You, Lord, My God”

arr. Gordon Young

Communion

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All Singing: 533 “I Come with Joy”
Singing verses 1 – 4
840 “Behold the Lamb”

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 957 “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”**

Postlude: “Postlude in C”

by J. Rinck

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Ari Varghese
Prelude Pianist:	Dorothy Wassenaar	Liturgist:	Jennifer Glynn
Vocalist:	Ginny Carpenter	Prayer:	Nate Pettinga
Percussion:	Clay Carlson	Encouragement:	Melissa Varghese
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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