



# World Wide Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

John F. Wilson

## 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

Choir: "Song of Generations"

Kornelis

*All joining to sing the repeat of the final refrain (see next page)*

O my people, hear my teaching, listen to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth with a parable; I will teach you lessons from the past;  
Things we have heard and known, things our ancestors told us.

We will not hide them from our children, we will tell the next generation  
The praiseworthy deeds of the Lord. His pow'r and the wonders He has done.

So the next generation would know them, even the children yet unborn,  
And they in turn would tell their children. They would put their trust in God,  
And would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.



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 pow'r, and the won - ders, His pow'r and the won - ders He has done.

*Psalm 78:1-4, 6-7 & Isaac Watts*

- \* GOD'S GREETING
- \* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing:** 529 "Gather Us In"  
*Singing verses 1 – 3*

*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: In the sight of their ancestors the Lord worked marvels in the land of Egypt. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

**All:** **He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

Liturgist: But they continued to sin, rebelling in the wilderness against the Most High. They willfully put God to the test demanding the food they craved.

**All:** **They spoke against God; saying, "Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?"**

*Psalm 78:12-18*

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

Liturgist: For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

\* **All Singing:** 43 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All:** **Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for your Word, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *Kenosis*

\* **All Singing:** **775** **“Across the Lands”**

## 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. Lansing Christian School

Choir: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Thomson

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy great help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down.  
Fix in me Thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art.  
Visit me with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

*Johann Olearius (1611-84),  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth*

## Communion

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INVITATION  
COMMUNION

**All Singing:** **157** **“Meekness and Majesty”**  
**833** **“There is a Redeemer”**

# Sending

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing: 964 “Praise God, from All Blessings Flow”**

Postlude: “Sortie in D”

Cesar Franck

## Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist: Dora Diephouse  
Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco  
Flutist: Sarah Rinkenberger  
Percussionist: Margot VanderWeele  
Snare: Henry Evenhouse  
Guitarist: Clay Carlson  
Flutist / Trumpeter: Courtney Schultz  
Choir Director: David Baar  
Choir Accompanist: Beverly Baar  
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Ari Varghese  
Liturgist: Emily Hillegonds  
Prayer: Jenson Varghese

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