

Order of worship

July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

“Bless the Lord” arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations: has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Opening Hymn GTG #418

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Gloria Patri #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.

Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence.

Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth.

Shape our wills that we may desire your ways.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Jonah 3:1-10

Sermon

“The Reluctant Prophet: Nineveh Repents”

**Offering
Doxology**

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

God of all kindness, you gave your only Son, because you loved the world so much.

We pray for the peace of the world: Move among us by your Spirit, break down barriers of fear, suspicion, and hatred. Heal the human family of its divisions and unite it in the bounds of justice and peace...

We pray for our country: Enrich our common life; strengthen the forces of truth and goodness; teach us to share prosperity, that those whose lives are impoverished may pass from need and despair to dignity and joy...

We pray for those who suffer: Surround them with your love, support them with your strength, console them with your comfort, and give them hope and courage beyond themselves...

We pray for our families, and for those whom we love. Protect them at home; support them in times of difficulty and anxiety that they may grow together in mutual love and understanding, and rest content in one another...

We pray for the church universal: Keep us true to the gospel and responsive to the gifts and needs of all. Make known your saving power in Jesus Christ, by the witness of our faith, worship, and life...

Now we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us when he said,

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn GTG #623

“I’ve Got Peace like a River”

Benediction

“May the Peace of God, which surpasses all human understanding, guard your hearts and mind in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Postlude

“Hymn of Fellowship” arr. by John Ness Beck



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*Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-*
Deacon Greeter: Ken Fyfe

*The "Quiet Room" is available for anyone feeling the need to go to someplace quiet with their child(ren) but don't want to miss out on the service to do so. The audio of the worship is on a speaker in the room and the window overlooks the sanctuary.

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ADORATION

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

CONFESSION

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing. "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.