

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP***

***Tenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Aug 14, 2022***

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We welcome and thank J. Jayakiran Sebastian for sharing the good news with us today.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + GATHERING +

### GATHERING HYMN

### ELW 812

### Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

#### *Refrain*



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**C:** Amen.

**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

(vs 1-2)

### Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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*(Please be seated)*

+ **THE WORD** +

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 82**

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**“How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

and fall like any prince.’ ”

**<sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

***SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2***

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12:49-56**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twelfth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the

appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Rev. Dr. J. Jayakiran Sebastian**

*(please stand, as you are able)*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 467**

**We Place upon Your Table, Lord**



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by  
 2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and  
 3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly  
 depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and  
 hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.  
 toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.  
 use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884–1944, alt.

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**+ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD +****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(response after: Merciful God,)*

**C: receive our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘Peace be with you’.*

*Please be seated as we finish singing*

**“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”**

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

*Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God as our Father, siblings all are we*

*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

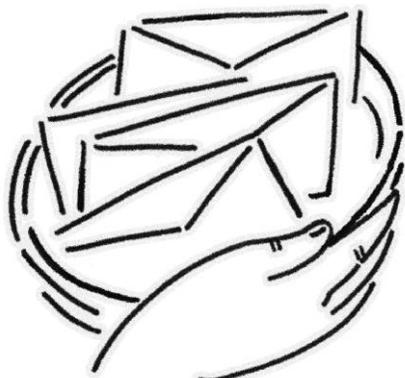
*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

**OFFERING:**

**A:** We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

*If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the basket as you exit. Thank you for your generosity.*

*It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.*



**BE A GOOD**  
*Steward*

## \*OFFERTORY HYMN

## ELW 583

Take My Life, That I May Be  
*Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad*

*Refrain/Estrillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*  
 1 Take my hands and let them move  
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
 at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 not a mite would I with - hold;  
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
 take my feet and let them be swift and  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
 take my lips and let them be filled with  
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



*Refrain/Estrillo*

pul - so de tu a - mor.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 mes - sag - es from thee.  
 be thy roy - al throne.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

**A:** God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, in the highest.**

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**



**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. The worship leaders will distribute the individually prepared communion as you remain seated. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.*

*(Please be seated)*

**\*P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER****A:** Let us pray:

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C:** Amen.**+ SENDING +****BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

**P:** The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C:** Amen.**\*SENDING HYMN****ELW 495****We Who Once Were Dead**

1 We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing Je - sus  
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

**DISMISSAL****A:** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.**C:** Thanks be to God.**Jul's Income: \$10,698****Average Attendance: 28****Jul's Expense: \$10,519**

**Altar flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Frank Maurer by Nancy, Al and Tim Harris.

**Bulletin Covers** are dedicated to the health of this congregation by Sonya Baxter.

**Scheduled to serve this week 8/14**

*Dawn G. – Assisting Minister*

*Autumn J. – Psalm Reader*

*Alan S./Alan D.- Ushers*

*Christensen/Joshi- Counters*

*Pysher/Harris – Altar*

**Scheduled to serve next week 8/21**

*Greg C. – Assisting Minister*

*Mikayla e. – Psalm Reader*

*Colahans - Ushers*

*Colahans - Counter*

*Pysher/Harris - Altar*

**\*\*\*\*\*WEEKLY CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\***

**Wed, Aug 17**

**7:30pm – AA (Hall)**

**Thu, Aug 18**

**7:00pm – AA (Hall)**

**Fri, Aug 19**

**7:30pm – AA (Mtg Rm)**

**Sat, Aug 20**

**10:00am – AA (Hall) Breakfast**

**11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)**

**Sun, Aug 21**

**10:15am – Worship**

**Coffee Hour**

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\*\*\*\*

**Healing:**

*Joe Monte*

*Linda Taddie*

*Lisa McDonough*

*Hugh Mullarkey*

*Jean Brown*

*Betty Lake*

*Deb Saunders*

*Gary Wilkinson*

*Christine Abate*

*Joanne Warshaw*

*Jackie DeWitt*

*Ann Ferguson*

*Anne Rainsford*

*Janet Pisano*

*Jackie Dewitt*

*Albert Brogan*

*Dennis Matarese*

*Gary Kline*

*Debbie Gruhler*

*Caroline Irwin*

*Victor Klein*

*Lou Vallies*

*Mariann Trice*

*Jeannine Ferguson*

*Donna Charlier*

*(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Aug, please call the office or add to the prayer list outside sanctuary).*

**Also please remember in your prayers homebound members:** Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, and Debra Ulmer.

**Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.**

## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**COFFEE HOUR**–Aug 21<sup>st</sup> sponsored by Finance and Stewardship Committees.

**COUNCIL RETREAT** – Sunday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> at Pastor Rachel's house.

**BLESSING OF AND BACKPACKS** - Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Students, get your backpacks ready! At worship we will be blessing the bearers of the backpacks and teachers. God is with us everywhere we go, including to a new school year!

**HOMELESS MEAL** – Wednesday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. See Nancy or Gary on how you can help.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers. There are open dates in Aug. Please check open dates and sign up.



## ***OUR STAFF***

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*Pre-School & MMO Teacher – Shelly Avila*

*Teaching Assistant – Michelle Bracken*

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## GOSPEL MESSAGE

### **The Reality of Division**

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus calls on his hearers to turn their hearts away from greed and instead to generosity, to turn away from anxious self-preservation and instead to faithful self-giving. But such practice rubs against humanity's deepest-seated sin, so conflict is born out of Jesus' peace-filled activity. Jesus' words and actions had already pitted him against the religious leaders and will lead him to the cross. Now, in today's gospel, Jesus speaks to the reality of that division.

His words unsettle us, yet they are spoken for a reason. In the reading from Jeremiah, God challenges the prophets who dole out lies and deceit and asks, how long until they turn their hearts back to me? This is a question of compassion and yearning for a restored relationship. Likewise, although Jesus' words are incendiary and speak of broken relationships, they are meant to prompt the people's faithful response: to lay aside anxiety and greed and to turn their hearts to the treasures of God's promised kingdom, where Christ takes division upon himself on the cross.

While fully aware of the realities of conflict and division, we are to live as hopeful people, praying fervently for God's compassion and for the restoration of right relationships.