Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

PENTECOST SEASON

July 31, 2022

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may draw near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1, 20-22

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Psalm 103) Selection 76

†SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

Amen!

Pastor: We gather to worship in the Name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People:

The LORD be with you!

And also with you! Ruth 2:4

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

84:1-2

For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

When the Christ who is our life appears, Col. we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia! 3:3-4

Let us pray together:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us of those things which our consciences are afraid, and giving us those good things for which we dare not ask, except through the worthiness of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

GOD CLEANSES US

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

+Silent Prayer of Confession +

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

"As far as the east is from the west, so far does [the LORD] remove our transgressions from us."

Psalm 103:

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING Luke 10:17-24

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" Selection 172

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: My only comfort in all things is that I am not my own, but belong: body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen!

† "Gloria Patri" Selection 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

SERMON TEXT	Psalm 59
"God is My Strength & My Fortress"	Pastor Josh Anderson
LIX. Summer in the Psalter: Exp	position of the Psalms

†PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life

and work:

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation... Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We give you thanks for all those who have died in Christ and whose souls are now in your presence as their bodies wait for the resurrection...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

All these prayers, and even the desires of our hearts that are known only by your Holy Spirit, we offer to you, our Heavenly Father;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Selection 656

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Pasto

It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and

earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O

Lord Most High!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

"Commit Now All Your Griefs" Selection 669

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face

shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his

face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

†Those who are able are invited to stand

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Psalm 59

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him.

- [1] Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me;
 - [2] deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men.
- [3] For behold, they lie in wait for my life; fierce men stir up strife against me. For no transgression or sin of mine, O LORD,
- [4] for no fault of mine, they run and make ready. Awake, come to meet me, and see!
- [5] You, LORD God of hosts, are God of Israel. Rouse yourself to punish all the nations; spare none of those who treacherously plot evil. *Selah*
- [6] Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city.
- [7] There they are, bellowing with their mouths with swords in their lips—
 for "Who," they think, "will hear us?"
- [8] But you, O LORD, laugh at them; you hold all the nations in derision.
- [9] O my Strength, I will watch for you, for you, O God, are my fortress.
- [10] My God in his steadfast love will meet me; God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.
- [11] Kill them not, lest my people forget; make them totter by your power and bring them down, O Lord, our shield!
- [12] For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips, let them be trapped in their pride.

 For the cursing and lies that they utter,
- [13] consume them in wrath; consume them till they are no more, that they may know that God rules over Jacob to the ends of the earth. *Selah*
- [14] Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city.
- [15] They wander about for food and growl if they do not get their fill.
- [16] But I will sing of your strength;I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.For you have been to me a fortressand a refuge in the day of my distress.
- [17] O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.



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