

ORDER OF WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. John Hatton

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dr. James Humlong

Fairest Lord Jesus
arr. Joyce Jones

INTROIT

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Welcome

Laurie Zelman and Mark A. Miller

The congregation is invited and encouraged to join in singing when cued:

**Singing welcome, welcome to this place,
you're invited to come and know God's grace,
all are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here,
all are welcome in this place.**

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

Welcome to you, the weak and the strong.

Christ Jesus welcomes us here.

Welcome to you, sinners and saints.

God's grace embraces us all.

Welcome to you, forgiven and forgiving.

The Spirit binds us in unity and love.

***HYMN 140**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dr. John Hatton

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Parker Outman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us seven times, seventy times,
seventy-seven times, O Lord,
even when we neglect to forgive as freely as you forgive us.
Forgive us with such abundance and grace,
that our hearts may overflow with gratitude and mercy;
that we may begin to forgive freely and accept others gladly,
as you have forgiven and accepted us.
Welcome us into your arms of love, that we may welcome others
with compassion and care.
In gratitude we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Out of pity, God sees our sins and forgives our debt.
So we are called to see with pity and forgive with compassion.
Come, we are made new in Christ Jesus, given new eyes to see
and grace to forgive.
In Christ's grace, we are forgiven and freed. Glory to God! Amen.

HYMN 389

stanza 1

Freely, Freely

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Bill Moore

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Kyrie

John Leavitt

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)
Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy)

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jack Belcher

Matthew 18: 23-29 (NLT)

²³“Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵He couldn’t pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

²⁶“But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’ ²⁷Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

²⁸“But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Dr. John Hatton

***HYMN 390**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

(Sung to the tune of AZMON - “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

Jubilation

Jason Payne

This Morning’s Liturgy:

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