

Third Sunday after Pentecost
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PREWORSHIP MUSIC

PRELUDE

Mr. Cody Eckenrode, Minister of Music

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Pastor: In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

All: *Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.*

Pastor: Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

All: *We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.*

Pastor: Come, bring your needs and wants to God,
 for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

All: *Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope.*
AMEN!

OPENING PRAYER

All: *Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

HYMN

God, of the Ages, Who with Sure Command

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CONFESSION²

All: *God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives—to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise you for your faithful love and pray that you would make us worthy to bear your name. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer

Pastor: Using the Heidelberg Catechism to assure us of God's mercy and forgiveness, I ask:
 What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: *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*

¹ Townley, Nancy C. "Benediction: Worship Connection: October 3, 2021." <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3112/worship-connection-october-4-2015>. Adapted and accessed on 20 June 2022.

² Call to Worship: re:Worship. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/prayer-of-confession-commitment-august.html>. Accessed 20 June 2022.

*without the will of my Father in heaven;32-65
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.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH0

HYMN

This is my Song, O God of all the nations

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OLD TESTAMENT READING – Job 14:7-15 and 19:23-37

EPISTLE READING – Revelation 21:1-7

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 27:32-65

SERMON

My Redeemer Lives

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

All: Patient God, we want to have things go well and to have everyone be happy and content, but all too often we stand in the way of peace and hope. We recognize that life is not a fantasy in which everything turns out just right. We know that there is strife and struggles, and we stand in the midst of them. Our hearts and spirits carry the scars of the struggles and disappointments we have borne. Today we come to seek restoration, reconciliation, and relationship with you and with others. We want to overcome the barriers which prevent us from being people of compassion and hope. There is so much that needs to be done to aid in the cause of your peace and justice. Help us to bear compassionate witness to the pain and struggle. Then, help us to become peacemakers and those who share hope. Give us courage to become disciples who follow your will and your way. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray too, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Liturgist: Family of God, we are the living, breathing messages of God's love for the world. This is our work of faith, our labor of love, and a witness to hope in Jesus Christ. So, we share our time, talent, and financial resources as a means to make the work of our faith manifest. Let us give of our offerings to God in gratitude and prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of Hope, we humbly present these gifts in recognition of the grace that you offer us each and every day. You have blessed us with great bounty. Today, we give a portion of this bounty to you as a generous expression of our gratitude. We are compelled though biblical teaching to share generously in ways that impact the greater mission of the church. We pray through our Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymnal, #221

BENEDICTION³

Pastor: Having been healed and made whole by God's love,
now go out into the world to be a healer,
and one who brings peace and hope to others.
Always know, that God is with,
Christ goes before you,
and the Spirit is within you.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

³ Townley, Nancy C. "Benediction: Worship Connection: October 3, 2021." <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3112/worship-connection-october-4-2015>. Adapted and accessed on 20 June 2022.

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This Is My Song

Ps. 82:8

Lloyd Stone, 1934

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
 beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.



1 God of the a - ges, who with sure com-mand
 2 Your pur- pose, just, en - vi - sions mor-tals free;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil-some way;



brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.
 with stead - fast care be ev - er our de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
 Still be our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay—
 Your love and faith with - in our hearts in - crease;
 With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 with boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.

