

# *Welcome To Worship*

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*Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023/ 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

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***\*Those who are able may stand***

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AN INVITATION TO REST**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES (Unison)**

**Let us come to learn.  
Let us come to witness.  
Let us come to change.  
Let us come to repent.  
Let us come to worship.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN                      #611                      Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee**

**KYRIE #627                      I Love You Lord**

*(Confession need not be a somber affair. It can be a joyful and thankful moment, like dropping a heavy load from tired hips. God's grace means confession can sound as much like "hallelujah" as "I'm sorry". For this reason, we begin and end our "Confession" with "I love you lord". A joyful song expressing how our confession is an act of love for the God who already covers us in grace.)*

***I love you lord                      And I lift my voice  
To worship you                      oh my soul, rejoice....***

**CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)**

**From beneath the clutter of our lives, we call out to you, O God.  
It is not so much that we have chosen evil, as we have chased little goods  
And lesser gods, until we feel lost.**

**Our love becomes too narrow,  
our blaming too quick,  
our forgiveness too slow,  
our gratitude too casual.**

**Forgive us!  
And let your mercy deepen our longing into trust.  
Our pride into compassion,  
Our fear into courage,  
Our frustration into creativity  
Our prayer into action.  
However small and simple.  
Deepen our longing into trust,  
enough to guide us home to your kingdom; through Christ our lord.**

**KYRIE**

***Take joy my king      In what you hear.  
May it be a sweet sweet sound      In Your ears.***

***SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.***

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

Do not be afraid; God loves us with an everlasting love and grace unending.  
Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*RESPONSE HYMN                      #353                      My Hope Is Built**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**  
Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand  
your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to  
our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.  
Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING 1.....Isaiah 5:1-7**

**READING 2.....Matthew 21:33-46**

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON.....Pr. Greg Isaacson**

**PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**#838**

**Standing On The Promises**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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