

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Prelude - The Lord is My Light and My Salvation - Allitson

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

**Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, let us think about these things.**

Opening Hymn No. 77 - How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
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How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
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How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
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Invocation

**Almighty God, creator of all that is and was and will be.
Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us,
so your Spirit is ever present and surrounding us.
We acknowledge your presence and welcome you into our lives.
We live and move and have our very being in you.
Open now the windows of our souls. Amen.**

Psalter - Psalm 27 (see page below for copy of hymn from hymnal)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me, to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes shall stumble and fall.

**Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the
Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

The Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble, will conceal me under the cover of
his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; and I will offer
sacrifices in the Lord's tent with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek the Lord's face!" Your face, O Lord, I seek.

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, for you have been my help.

Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem - Fairest Lord Jesus - Derek Hakes

Sermon - The Beauty of the Lord

Rev. Jon Priebe

Hymn of Response No. 395** - Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

Offertory - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* - Robert Hebble

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The 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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn No. 189** - *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn No. 668)

Let us now depart in Thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let no the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.

Postlude - Fanfare - Douglas Wagner

“ Sing unto God a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.” Psalm 33.3



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

In honor of Leta Huntington Gramich's birthday by her parents Bill and April Huntington

Liturgist: Andy Jesson

Service Music: Summer Choir

Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

Psalm 27

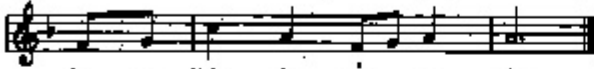
Ps. 269

Jane Marshall

RESPONSE (General)



For with you is the fountain of life;



In your light do we see light.

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whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
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- 5 The Lord will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble,
will conceal me under the cover of his tent,
and will set me high upon a rock.
- 6 And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies round about me;
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent
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- 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
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- 13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- 14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage.
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Next Steps

Undignified

vs. 2 – should we really celebrate the downfall of others?

The raw emotions in the Psalms can be uncomfortable to read

2 Samuel 6:20-22 – even David’s wife wanted him to tone things down!

Precious

Psalm 27:4 – “to behold the beauty of the Lord” is the most beneficial use of our passions

“All things are precious, because all are beautiful; but what more beautiful than (God)?”

· St. Augustine

Questions for Reflection: In modern culture, many of our emotions are viewed negatively. Grief and melancholy or insecurity are viewed as weaknesses; with the exception of anger which is sometimes viewed quite positively.

Early Christians, however, understood emotions as possible tools, when harnessed properly, to lead us closer to God. Which of my emotions could I allow to guide me closer to God?

Questions for Discussion: When have you been overcome by emotions that pointed you to God’s beauty? Was it a memorable and faith-building experience?

Memory Verse: Psalm 27:4 – “One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.”

Readings for this Week: Psalm 50, 2 Samuel 6, Psalm 148

CHURCH NOTES

College/Technical School Grads: If you or your child has graduated from a college or technical school please call the church office and let us know their name, school and degree. We will publish the information in the July issue of the newsletter.

Urgent Need! Our blessing box may be somewhat small in size, but it serves our community in a mighty way, and it needs your help! We are almost out of items for filling the box. Please consider donating any of the following items: canned soup/fruit/vegetables, Spaghettio's/ravioli, canned tuna/chicken, ramen noodles, individual cups of mac- n- cheese, oatmeal, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, granola bars, individual applesauce/fruit cups/pudding cups, juice boxes, travel size personal hygiene items. Items may be left on the donation table located outside the church library.

Altar Guild Needs: Our Altar Guild transfers the Sunday altar flowers into containers to be taken by donors each Sunday. Will you donate your used containers? We need the following sizes: 11.5 oz. coffee containers, 32 oz. plastic containers (such as large yogurt containers), 28 oz. metal cans (such as large tomato cans). Drop them off at the Welcome Center. We are also looking for volunteers to help care for the refilling of candles and transferring flower arrangements into containers after the last service on Sundays (two months a year), changing altar cloths when needed and arranging holiday flowers. If you are interested please call Carol Lewis at 330-923-0234.

Chess Camp: Registrations are being accepted for Chess Camp July 11 -15, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily. Beginners through experienced are eligible to participate in the fun-filled adventure of using your mind. You can learn or improve your chess game and enjoy other activities. Space is limited, so register early. Brochures with application and details are available at the Welcome Center.

Heart4theCity: Can you help our United Methodist local mission church again? You have been very generous in the past and we thank you for all your donations for Heart4theCity. The next drive is to bring in new packaged under garments for children thru adults. We will keep this collection going thru the summer (June- August). The collection bin is located near the church office, next to the library. Drop off anytime. Thanks!

Church Projects: Are you willing to help with beautification projects around the church? We usually do outdoor projects like trimming the shrubs, but occasionally do some work inside the church. If you are interested, please send an email to Bob Boltz at rboltz@kent.edu.

Wesley Camp: Children going into 4th - 6th grades are invited for a weekend of camp August 5 - 7 at Inspiration Hills camp. The Early Bird cost is \$125 (a \$25 deposit must be made before July 3.) After July 3 the cost is \$150. There will be archery, hiking, swimming, canoeing,

campfires, a prayer labyrinth, games and more! Registration forms are available online and at the Welcome Center.

Medical Equipment: The church has received donations of medical equipment that are available for borrowing. The equipment varies from time to time depending on what is being used. There are wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, bedside commodes, shower chairs, a cooler that circulates icy, cold water and misc. small equipment like splints. Items have been cleaned and you are expected to clean them before you return them. Contact Mike Ward to find out availability and convenient time for you to pick up items. You may also have items that you would like to donate.

Financial Report:

Church Budget update:

	<u>Compared to Budget</u>		<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Projected Actual</u>
	May <u>2022</u>	Year-to-date <u>5/31/22</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
Income	\$4,421	-\$16,877	\$780,918	\$754,041
Operating Expenses	\$1,974	-\$2,003	\$835,345	\$833,342
Total Over/Under	\$6,395	-\$14,874	-\$54,427	- \$69,301

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Bob Ahonen - Akron General

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Dorothy Light and family on the death of her son, Paul on 6/16.

Tom Waltermire and family on the death of his wife, member Shirley on 6/9.