

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Prelude - Invocation - Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of Hosts.

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere!

Opening Hymn No. 79** - *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Holy God, we praise thy name.

God of all, we bow before thee.

All on earth your scepter claim;

all in heav'n above adore thee.

Infinite thy vast domain,

everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn,
angel choirs above are raising.

Cherubim and seraphim,

in unceasing chorus praising,

fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train

join thy sacred name to hallow.

Prophets swell the glad refrain,

and the blessed martyrs follow,

and, from morn till set of sun,

through the church the song goes on.

Holy Author, Holy Word,

Holy Spirit, three we name thee;

still, one holy voice is heard:

undivided God, we claim thee,

and adoring bend the knee,

while we own the mystery.

Invocation

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading - Psalm 45

My Savior and my King,
Thy beauties are divine;
Thy lips with blessings overflow,
And every grace is thine.

Now make thy glory known,
Gird on thy dreadful sword,
And ride in majesty to spread
The conquests of thy word.

Strike through thy stubborn foes,
Or melt their hearts t' obey,
While justice, meekness, grace, and truth,
Attend thy glorious way.

Thy laws, O God, are right;
Thy throne shall ever stand;
And thy victorious gospel proves
A sceptre in thy hand.

[Thy Father and thy God
Hath without measure shed
His Spirit, like a joyful oil,
T' anoint thy sacred head.]

[Behold, at thy right hand
The Gentile church is seen,
Like a fair bride in rich attire,
And princes guard the queen.]

Fair bride, receive his love,
Forget thy father's house;
Forsake thy gods, thy idol gods,
And pay thy Lord thy vows.

O let thy God and King
Thy sweetest thoughts employ;
Thy children shall his honors sing
In palaces of joy.

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem - *Come Down, O Love Divine* (Hymn 475) - Vaughan Williams

Sermon - *Second Meanings*

Hymn of Response No. 172** - *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

n mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *Trumpet Tune* - Charles Callahan

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.

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

Closing Hymn No. 369** - Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn No. 666)

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude - Exultation - Charles Callahan

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given:

in loving memory of her parents, Paul and Evelyn Shultz, by Bonnie Shultz.

Liturgist: Neha Priebe

Service Music: Summer Choir

Music: One License A-731491

Next Steps

More Than Literal Meanings

Second meanings can be intentionally and unintentionally funny or poignant

Psalm 84:10 – As God’s poetry, the psalms are full of second meanings

Expectations and Understandings

Psalm 13:1 – The Israelites understood themselves as God’s suffering servant

Psalm 45:6 – they were expecting a returning king whom they needed but never got

The King Who Suffered

Philippians 2:5-11 – Jesus brought these two expectations together in himself

Hebrews 4:14-15 – He knows our pain and will be there for us whatever we face

Questions for Reflection: As the king who suffered, Jesus showed us what God is like. Why do you think complete self-sacrifice is the way that God chose to be revealed in the world? Why not displays of power and conquest and forcing people to do the right thing? What does this say about how I should live my daily life?

Questions for Discussion: Because he brought together the expectations of the Messiah as sufferer and as king, Jesus has been through everything we can face in life. When have I found Jesus a ready help or a comfort in times of trouble?

Memory Verse: **Hebrews 4:15a** – “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses...”

Readings for this Week: Psalm 49, Philippians 2:5-11, Psalm 132:1-5

CHURCH NOTES

We Need You! This morning, after the service, there will be a short, informal meeting for anyone interested in being an usher. No experience necessary!

First Fridays: The last First Friday will take place this Friday, August 5, at 5 p.m. Join us at Kelsey Creek Pavilion at Water Works Park for a meal, fellowship, and Game Night! The church will provide hot dogs and buns so bring a dish to share, a beverage, tableware, and your favorite game!

New Attendance Cards: We have put new “Presence and Discipleship” cards in the pews, these are replacing both the pew pads and the prayer cards. We are asking everyone to fill a card out each week and bring it up to the front during the offering time, or drop it in an offering plate on your way out. We also are asking that **everyone** fill out all of the information on the card the first time so that we can update everyone's info in our system. Please mark if you a first time guest or if it is the first time you are giving us your contact information as we have a gift we would like to get to you. Also, be sure to give us updated information whenever anything changes, so we can have the most accurate information.

Men’s Time Out: All the men of the church and the community are invited to attend Men’s Time Out this Saturday, August 6, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Asbury Hall. It’s a time of fellowship and discussion and a wonderful way to connect with the men of the church.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Bring your backpacks, iPads, tablets, or any other items to church on Sunday, August 21! As fall begins and children and teachers return to school, a flood of mixed emotions fills our hearts. Relief and gratitude from parents, apprehension and anxiety for students entering new rooms with new things to learn from new teachers, hope for positive outcomes, even concerns for the safety of our teachers and students. Where better to take all these mixed emotions than to God in worship and prayer!

Access Buddies: We are looking for a few people who would like to be buddies for a couple of the children in our kids' ministries. We need someone to provide some one on one attention as they move through our activities. We will train those who are able to help and pair you up with a young disciple whom you can help on their faith journey. Please contact Pastor Karol if you would be able to help in this crucial ministry of our church.

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 undergarments for children through 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.

Holy Land Journey: Revs. Karol and Jim Lewis, PhD, would like to invite you to join them on a journey to follow Jesus' footsteps in the Holy Land from January 30 to February 7, 2023. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Early bird registration for a reduced price ends July 31. Contact Pastor Karol for more information.

Leader Training: In August we will have Leader training sessions for all of those who are participate in our various ministries including those serving or leading on ministry teams, committees, and those teaching in various ministries. The first, on Sunday, August 14, from 10:30 am to noon will include all ushers, greeters, welcome center folks, those who serve on the Finance, Missions, Access, PPR, Trustees and in any other ministries/committees of the church that don't involve teaching. This is an important time for us to gather and learn how to live out our calling as leaders of the church. On Sunday, August 21, from 10:30 am to noon we will have a training for all those who will be serving in the teaching ministries of our church. That will be followed with a safe sanctuary training for those who need to take or retake it.

Financial Report:

	June	Year to date
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>
Actual	\$46,723	\$414,854
Budget	\$47,890	\$432,898
Over/(Under)	(\$1,167)	(\$18,044)

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MINISTERS & STAFF:

Forrest Waller

HOSPITALIZED:

We are unaware of anyone in the hospital at this time.

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie Bob Ahonen Debbie Amundsen Shirley Asher Jim Bailey Alice Becher Behrman family Larry Brimlow	Don Corbett Jean Finnegan Dave Gohr Rose Gregory John Gullion Joyce Haberkost Jim Henes Jeanette Murray	Pat Park David Potter Robbie & Lou Robinson Kathi Sawyer Mary & Ken Tunstall Marilyn Waller Peg Yeager
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