

**World Communion Sunday
October 3, 2021**

**Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence**

Prelude

*The Joyful Trumpet
I Love to Tell the Story*

*Harris
Warriner*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship**

Bonnie Mecaughey

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Let us worship the Triune God.

 **Invocation**

Bonnie Mecaughey

Eternal God,
you have called us to be members of one body.
Join us with those who in all times and places
have praised your name,
that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church,
and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 8**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him**

Prayer of Confession (*Responsively*)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand!

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of

yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you,
how seldom have we really loved and followed you!
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we
ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or
accepted your gifts!
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

God the Creator brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness,
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver.

Offering *Great is Thy Faithfulness by Runyan*
Adult Choir

Offertory Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver.

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **Hymn**

Worthy is the Lamb

*Thank You for the cross, Lord,
Thank You for the price You paid;
Bearing all my sin and shame in love You came
and gave amazing grace.*

*Thank You for this love, Lord,,
Thank You for the nail pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace.*

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God
The darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.*

Repeat all above

*Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God
The darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon *Saved by the Blood of the Lamb*

*Susan
Obenschain*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:12-32

¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. ¹⁷ And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. ¹⁸ In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹ For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. ²⁰ You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' ²⁷ you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

²⁸ Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. ³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. ³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!"

Sermon

"The Passover"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding

We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn 552**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
again!**

Prayer of Consecration

Profession of Faith

I am righteous before God
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all
God's commandments,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do
is accept this gift with a believing heart.
When I say that through faith alone I am righteous,
it is not because I please God
by the worthiness of my faith.
It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness
make me righteous before God,
and because I can accept this righteousness
and make it mine
in no other way than through faith.

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 60-61

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 Hymn

Revelation Song

*Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat*

*Chorus
Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You*

*Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King
Chorus*

*Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah
Chorus*

 Benediction & Blessing

 Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Birchwood