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October 10, 2021

8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Isaac Thomas, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jan Butin

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Words and Music by Martin Luther (1529)

Glory to God

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, a mid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and glory, pour your power out on us, your people. We are confident that you created the world good, but we are also aware of evil forces all around us that oppose you and your purposes. So often, they are bigger and stronger than we are. Forgive us when we succumb to these influences instead of trusting you fully and seeking your Spirit to enable us to choose your good. Strengthen us by your Word and Spirit, that we might go forth in your service and strong in your might, to conquer all evil and stand for the right. (silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SONG 188

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 2)

Words by David Rutherford McGuire; Music by William Batchelder Bradbury

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Jan Butin

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:14-26, 33-36

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." ¹⁶ Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. ¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. ²² But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his plunder. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵ When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first."

³³ "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵ Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. ³⁶ If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays."

SERMON

Bringing Our Demons to Jesus

Rev. Phil Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The French Confession of 1559*)

We believe that God not only created all things, but governs and directs them, disposing and ordaining by his sovereign will all that happens in the world; not that he is the author of evil, or that the guilt of it can be imputed to him, as his will is the sovereign and infallible rule of all right and justice; but he has wonderful means of so making use of devils and sinners that he can turn to good the evil which they do, and of which they are guilty. And thus, confessing that the providence of God orders all things, we humbly bow before the secrets which are hidden to us, without questioning what is above our understanding; but rather making use of what is revealed to us in Holy Scripture for our peace and safety, inasmuch as God, who has all things in subjection to him, watches over us with a Father's care, so that not a hair of our heads shall fall without his will.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Sanctus

Words and Music by Scott Krippayne and Tony Wood; Arranged by David Angerman

In earth and heaven there is none like You, Sanctus, sanctus.
None worthy to ascend Your throne and rule. Sanctus, sanctus.
Righteous and mighty King, saints and angels join to sing: Sanctus, sanctus.
Rex tremendae majestatis, Rex excelsis gloria. gloria, sanctus.
Savior, You're the perfect, spotless Lamb. Sanctus, sanctus.
Our every breath is given by Your hand. Sanctus, sanctus.
You reign with power on high. We bow before You, and we cry: Sanctus, sanctus.
Rex tremendae majestatis, Rex excelsis gloria. gloria, sanctus.
With reverence and with fear, with trembling lips, Lord, we draw near.
Singing holy, holy. King of awesome majesty, King of highest glory.
Glory. Sanctus. Glory.

Isaac Thomas
Tori Rudolph
Emily Sink
Paige DeJarnett

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Jan Butin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God in your grace, **you hear our 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 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.

SENDING

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory (verses 1, 2, and 4)

Words by Henry Emerson Fosdick; Music by John Hughes

Glory to God

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*BENEDICTION

Phil and Jan Butin, Co-Pastors
Isaac Thomas, Director of Music Ministries
Paige DeJarnett, Alto Choral Intern
Tori Rudolph, Soprano Choral Intern
Emily Sink, Soprano Choral Intern
Martha Arambel, Interim Youth Leader
Kristi Button, Director of Christian Education

Christopher Verdery, Audio-Visual Coordinator
Rosie Haden, Communications Coordinator
Cathy Hairston, First School Director
Laura Winburn, Financial Administrator
Mindy Mock, Childcare Coordinator
Nicole Tillery, Childcare Provider (8:30 am)
Katie Morton, Childcare Provider (11:00 am)

