

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS
PRAISE SERVICE
OCTOBER 9, 2022
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may use this prayer: **Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

INTRODUCTION

"Kyrie, eleison," the church cries: "Lord, have mercy." In Jesus, God does have mercy—mercy upon lepers who are outcasts, mercy on apostles who are in chains. God has mercy upon foreigners, breaking through boundaries of nationality and political alienation.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Baptized in Water" (ELW # 456)

Unison

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing His
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of one Fa - ther, We are His

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

WORDS: Michael Seward, 1932-
 MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic; arr. Mark Hayes, 1953-

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INVOCATION (= All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God: the only Sovereign,
 Who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, Who came to save sinners; the
 Holy Spirit, Who lives within us.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Recognizing our need for mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek
 reconciliation with God and each other.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: God of overflowing grace, **C: we come to You with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve You in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

AMEN.

P: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is The Spirit's Entry Now"* *(ELW # 448)*

1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r

the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933 Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

C.M. LAND OF REST

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: Almighty and most merciful God, Your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that You would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 66:1-12

(congregation reads *indented*)

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**Sing the glory of His name;
make His praise glorious!**

Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

**So great is Your power
that Your enemies cringe before You.**

All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You,

they sing praise to Your name.”

Come and see what God has done,

how awesome His works in man’s behalf!

He turned the sea into dry land,

**they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in Him.**

He rules forever by His power, His eyes watch the nations—

let not the rebellious rise up against Him.

Praise our God, O peoples,

let the sound of His praise be heard;

He has preserved our lives

and kept our feet from slipping.

For You, O God, tested us;

You refined us like silver.

You brought us into prison

and laid burdens on our backs.

You let men ride over our heads;

**we went through fire and water,
but You brought us to a place of abundance.**

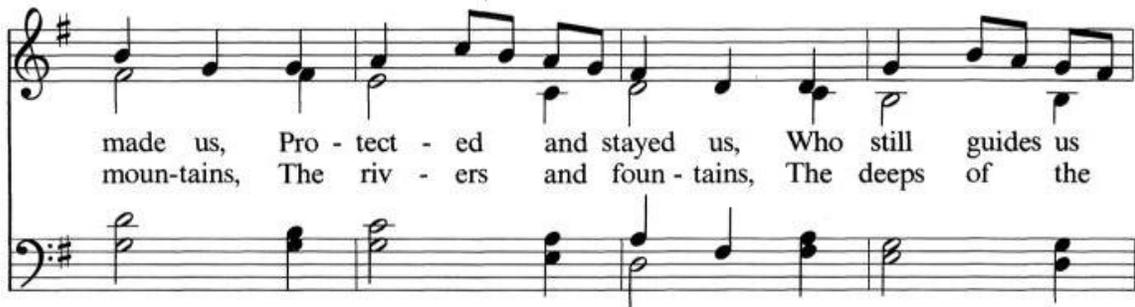
PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)* “Let All Things Now Living”

(LBW # 557 - favorite - Text: Katherine K. Bates)

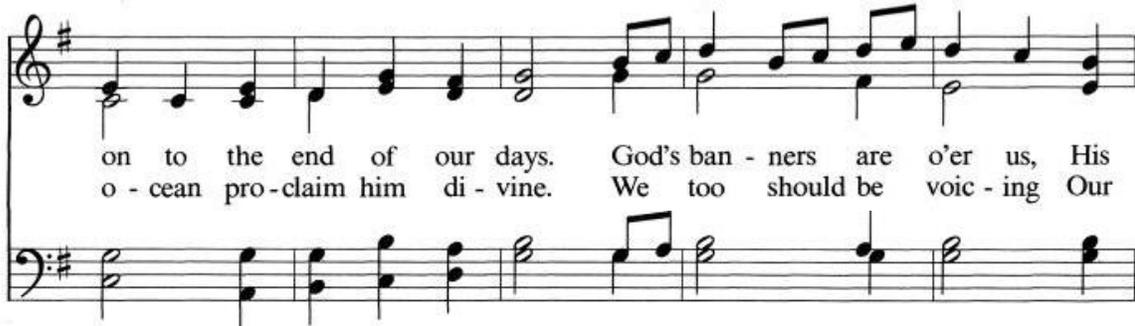
1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing To
2 His law he en - forc - es, The stars in their cours - es And



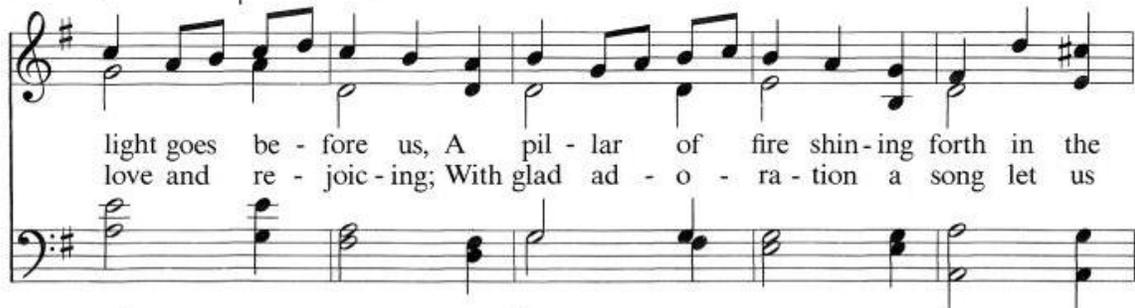
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, Who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; The hills and the



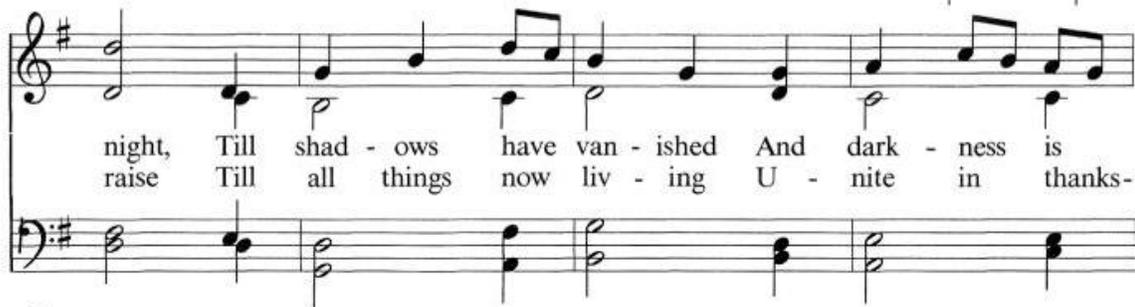
made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us, Who still guides us
moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains, The deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, His
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing Our



light goes be - fore us, A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us



night, Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is
raise Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READING....Jeremiah 29:1, 4-9.....Pg. 1221

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING1 Timothy 5:1-6:2.....p. 1849

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" verse 1

(Maj # 46 - favorite - Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Carl G. Gläser)

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,

1 The glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!
2 To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELLuke 17:11-19.....Pg. 1627

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON "Jeremiah & Timothy - Part V"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Maj # 337 - favorite)

John Fawcett DENNIS
Johann G. Naegel Arranged by Lowell Mason

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each' oth - er's woes, Each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;

1 The fel - low-ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
2 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
3 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
4 And per - fect love and joy shall reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *(Please sit.)*

PRESENTATION *(New members and sponsors come forward.)*

Council President or VP: These persons desire to join Holy Cross, making public affirmation of their Baptism as a sign of their renewed participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ:

Sue Meier, by transfer from Christ, Hellertown,
sponsored by Sandra Krisanda;

Richard & Nancy Schmidt by transfer from St. Stephen,
Bethlehem, sponsored by Pastor David & Karen Brown

P: Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Dear fellow believers in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have

been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Through Baptism we are called out of darkness into God's marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with Him. Therefore I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

New Members: I reject them.

P: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

New Members: I renounce them.

P: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and each other?

New Members: I repent of them.

P: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

New Members: In faith I turn to Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(8:30 & 10:45) (Please rise.)*

L: I ask you and the whole church to profess your faith, using the Apostle's Creed. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYER *(If no new members, skip to Prayer of the Church, p. 10)*

P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy; C: hear our prayer.)

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 and ever. AMEN.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: 

(Please rise.)

SENDING HYMN “We’ve A Story To Tell the Nations”

(Majesty # 673 - favorite - H. Ernest Nichol)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

1 We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their
 2 We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their
 3 We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions—That the Lord who
 4 We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions Who the path of

1 hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A
 2 hearts to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And
 3 reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us And
 4 sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might

1 sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
 2 shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.
 3 show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.
 4 come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

For the dark-ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn-ing to noon-day bright,

And Christ's great king-dom shall come on earth, The king-dom of love and light.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

GUEST ORGANIST: Bob Harwick

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-*Volunteer*

LITURGIST: 8:30-Faith Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Kathy Ballek

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce and Patty Stein

PHONETREE: *Volunteer Needed*

PRAYER CARE: call Ruthann Kistler 610-217-0397

COUNTERS: Karen Brown / Jan Stryker / Michele Sciarra

HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry

GRASS: Tom Barlow / Larry Wonderly / Melissa Yalch (10/10-15)

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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