

July 11, 2021
7th Sunday after Pentecost



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brain Entz

Lay Leader: Mary Markve-Patch

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Vocalist: Mike Agre

Video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erjgnks6ZaI>

PRELUDE

Andante Sostenuto

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bless all who worship you, almighty God, from the rising of the sun to its setting: from your goodness enrich us, by your love inspire us, by your Spirit guide us, by your power protect us, in your mercy receive us, now and always. Amen.

-An Ancient Collect

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Holy One's and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it;

for God has founded it on the seas,

and established it on the rivers.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the Sovereign of glory may come in.

Who is this Sovereign of glory?

The Holy One of heavenly forces,

God is the Sovereign of glory.

*OPENING HYMN

#412 God, Reveal Your Presence

1 God, reveal your presence:
gladly we adore you,
and with awe appear before you.
Holy is your temple:
all within keep silence,
humbly bow with deepest reverence.
You alone now we own
as our God and Savior:
praise your name forever!

2 In God's holy presence,
hear the harps resounding;
see the crowds the throne surrounding:
"Holy, holy, holy!"
hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending.
Turn your ear to us here;
hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.

3 Fountain of all blessing,
purify my spirit;
all my trust is in your merit.
Like the holy angels
on your glory gazing,
we adore, hosannas raising.
Let your will ever still
rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

People: God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE**

The Gloria Patri #581

**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. Amen. Amen.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Silence in us all that is not of you, O God, that by your Word and Spirit we might come to know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love you more fully. Through Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:14-29 (NRSV)

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'"

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's

wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Samuel 6:1-19 (NRSV)

6 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. **2** David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. **3** They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart **4** with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. **5** David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it. **7** The anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. **8** David was angry because the Lord had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah, to this day. **9** David was afraid of the Lord that day; he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come into my care?" **10** So David was unwilling to take the ark of the Lord into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. **11** The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

12 It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; **13** and

when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. **14** David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. **15** So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

17 They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. **18** When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, **19** and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

There's Something About That Name

Gaither

*Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
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.

*OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God's loving care, saying: O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy we offer our prayer. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based on trust, equity, and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from harm and violence; guard us all from the perils of addiction and consumerism. Grant us courage to confront systems of injustice within our society and within ourselves. Give all citizens a new vision of a life of harmony. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen this congregation in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise, and our lives may conform to the image of your incarnate Word. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on all who suffer. Support with your love those with incurable and stigmatized diseases, those unjustly imprisoned, those denied dignity, those who live without hope, those who are homeless or abandoned. Especially we pray for all those who suffer from COVID19 and its many effects. As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering in the name of Jesus Christ. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole...

Give hope to the dying especially...

Comfort those who mourn especially...

Uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember before you those saints who bore witness to your light...

Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory.

Holy One, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 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

*CLOSING HYMN

#725 O Jesus, I have Promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 O let me feel you near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised

to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

to serve you to the end;
now give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

*CHARGE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Blessing/Thanks Be to Our God
Arr. Wall

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 24

MUSIC LICENSES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee, Classes, and Conversations: Please join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall. We will be voting for the NEW Mission Statement!

Choir is starting again!!! I am excited to let everyone know that choir is starting again!! I would like to invite present members and any new members to join together on WED, JULY 21. We will meet in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. As of right now we will need to distance ourselves and be masked. I look forward to being back together and lifting our voices in song!!

Rainer & Dolores Pensky: Come celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Rainer and Dolores. This celebration will be an open house style on July 15, 2021 from 3 pm to 6pm.

Children's Bulletins: Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

Congregational Questionnaire Coming Soon: From July 18th through August 1st we are asking everyone at BPC to participate in the Congregational Questionnaire from the presbytery. Please look for more information in the coming weeks.

Foster a Teen: Wright County has an IMMEDIATE need for foster providers willing to care for teens. Orientation is now offered online. Please contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484 or Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us

Guy's Breakfast: Men will be meeting for breakfast at Perkins on Tuesdays at 7:30am. Come enjoy great fellowship and food!

Worship in the Park: Sunday July 25th at 9:30am will be our annual Worship in the Park at West Pulaski Park. There will be a potluck to follow, so please bring a dish to share. Please bring chairs, drinks, plates, and cutlery.

Prayer Shawl: This group will start meeting again on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm. This will start up again on August 2, 2021.

VBS Volunteers Wanted: VBS will be held August 16-19 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. We are looking for volunteers. Please Contact Mandy Harkess if you are interested, 612-226-3985 or mandylynnhunter@gmail.com.

Garden Desk Calendars: Please pick up your 2021 desk calendar in the church office. All donations from these will be going to the Buffalo Food Shelf.

Upcoming Worship Schedule: Please join us in person on Sundays at the 9:30am worship service. Masks and social distancing will be required. Also remember to sign in for contact tracing purposes. Services will also be available online, please pay attention to your email on Sunday afternoons for worship links and bulletins.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUG 16-19

5:00PM - 7:30PM

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-5

DINNER 5:00-5:30PM

VBS PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 5:30PM

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412 God, Reveal Your Presence

1 God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
 2 In God's ho - ly pres - ence, hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;

and with awe ap - pear be - fore you. Ho - ly is your tem -
 see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
 all my trust is in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly an -

ple: all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly bow with deep - est
 ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es
 gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing, we a - dore, ho - san - nas

rev - erence. You a - lone now we own as our
 blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O
 rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still rule your

Despite multiple layers of translation and revision, this text embodies the mystical piety of one of the German Reformed Church's greatest hymnists and spiritual leaders of the early 18th century. It is set here to a slightly earlier tune from that tradition.

GATHERING

God and Sav - ior: praise your name for - ev - er!
Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by a sharp sign on the F line. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "God and Sav - ior: praise your name for - ev - er! Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es. church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a church gathering.

O Jesus, I Have Promised 725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b B^b E^b

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b E^b B^b7 E^b

be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F B^b A^b B^b

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.