



I will lift up my eyes to the hills-  
from *whence* comes my help?  
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven *and* earth.

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**July 2, 2023**  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

## COMING INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“We Have Come into His House”

Bruce Ballinger

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart,  
and all our soul,  
and all our mind, and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.  
Let us worship the God  
who will ask much of us,  
ALL: but will be beside us every  
step of the way.**



### \*INVOCATION

**Through dreams and visions, Wondrous God, you broaden the horizon and hope of your people, that they may discover the meaning of your covenant, even in the midst of trial and exile. Increase the number of those who believe in your word so that all people may joyfully respond to your call and share in your promises. Amen.**

\*HYMN #561 (blue)

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The apostle Paul says, “the only thing that counts is faith working through love” (Gal 5:6). We need to acknowledge the ways we fail in both faith and love. Let us confess our shortcomings to our gracious God.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*President Woodrow Wilson*

**Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*pause for silent confession*

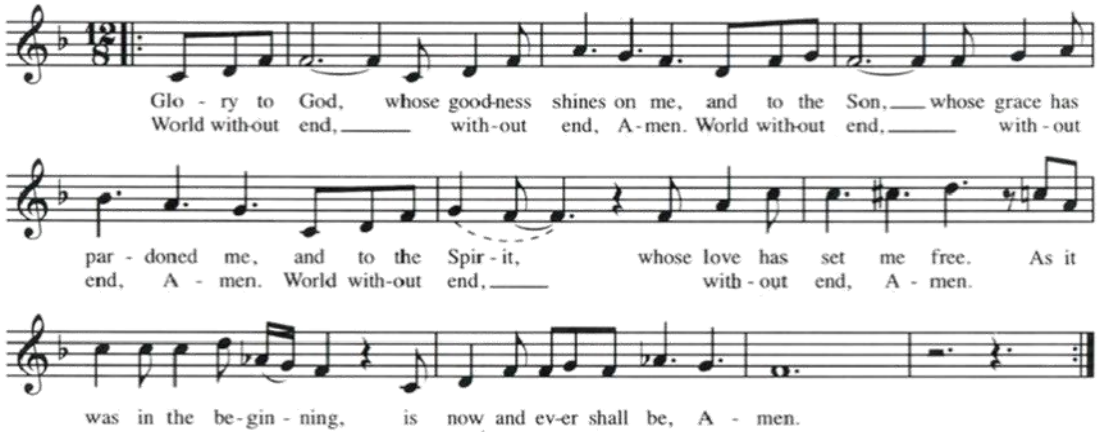
\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we turn to the Lord, we find hope. The veil is removed. The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Know that you are forgiven. Let us take courage!

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**



Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, \_\_\_ whose grace has  
World with-out end, \_\_\_ with-out end, A - men. World without end, \_\_\_ with - out  
par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it  
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was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev-er shall be, A - men.

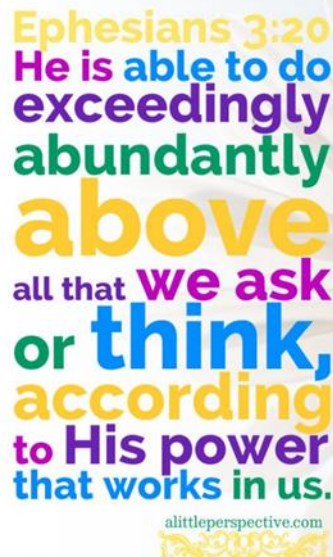
**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 33

- 1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp;  
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- 3 Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.
- 5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- 6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars[a];  
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all the people of the world revere him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10 The Lord foils the plans of the nations;



he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.  
 11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,  
 the purposes of his heart through all generations.  
 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
 the people he chose for his inheritance.  
 13 From heaven the Lord looks down  
 and sees all mankind;  
 14 from his dwelling place he watches  
 all who live on earth—  
 15 he who forms the hearts of all,  
 who considers everything they do.  
 16 No king is saved by the size of his  
 army; no warrior escapes by his great  
 strength.  
 17 A horse is a vain hope for  
 deliverance; despite all its great  
 strength it cannot save.  
 18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those  
 who fear him, on those whose hope is in  
 his unfailing love,  
 19 to deliver them from death  
 and keep them alive in famine.  
 20 We wait in hope for the Lord;  
 he is our help and our shield.  
 21 In him our hearts rejoice,  
 for we trust in his holy name.  
 22 May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.



**Ephesians 3:20**  
**He is able to do**  
**exceedingly**  
**abundantly**  
**above**  
**all that we ask**  
**or think,**  
**according**  
**to His power**  
**that works in us.**  
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 The Shepherd

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:1; 13-25

1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. 13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and sorcery; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn

you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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SERMON “Reflections and a Testimony” Lauren Smith — Hope is Alive

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH based on Philippians 2

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

\*HYMN #526 (red) “God of Our Fathers”

## **GIVING THANKS THROUGH THE OFFERING OF OUR LIVES**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*We will incorporate all of these in the Prayers of the People, which will appear in the Great Thanksgiving.*

OFFERING “Let There be Peace on Earth” Sy Miller, J. Jackson

\*DOXOLOGY #592

*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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION from “All Things are Thine”

**All things are Thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee: And hence with grateful hearts today Thine own before Thy feet we lay. Amen.**



## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

"Worthy is the Lord" arr. Larry Mayfield

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN #564 (blue)

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"God of Our Fathers"

D. Roberts & G. Warren



## WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

### ***Short Term***

Kyle Bartlett  
Stacy Coleman  
Terri Moore  
Nicholas Flynn  
Margarita Martinez  
Jan Bartlett  
Steve Morin  
Larry Simmons  
Sandy Slack  
Margaret Wylie  
Dorothy Noble  
Lyell Brown  
Shirley Martinez  
Crystal Courier  
Paula G.  
Maureen

Raymond Flanigan  
Lorraine Anderson  
Tory Archuleta  
Jack Wylie  
Debbie Kauffman  
Tina Martin  
Emily and Jill  
Lee Ann Verbeck

### ***Long Term***

Mike Crary  
Nancy Canale  
Colleen Pinckney  
Carl Mattison  
Rafferty Family  
Damian Moore  
Ben Miller

Marcella Savarese  
Candy Graham  
Terri Young  
Leeroy & Betty Green  
Darryl Schmidt  
Laurie Connors  
Ann Landers  
Franny Hansen  
Kevin Casselman  
David Bartlett  
Bob Wright  
Charles Zambito  
Linda Banker  
Susannah Elwyn-Russell

### ***Family & friends grieving loss***

Judy Scroger, Lois James, Thelma Onan, Jane Sinclair, George Hassler, Laura Conley, Lorraine Weir, Richard Byrne

### ***Special prayer needs***

- +Leaders of our church: elders, pastors, Presbytery
- +Holy Spirit–led guidance for our leaders as we work together for unity
- +Safety of our healthcare workers and first responders
- +Health of our earth and well-being of our farmers
- +People involved in wars: resolution of conflict and for peace
- +Opportunities to share the Gospel
- +Persecution of Christians and others in the world
- +Improved race relations in our community and country
- +Drug epidemic; we pray for addicted and children involved
- +Vulnerable and marginalized people

### ***Missionaries and local agencies***

Gildards (France), Birds (Tyrone, GA), Calvary Food Pantry & other food pantries, Chapel House, Hospice, Matthew House, Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Hospital, Prison Ministry and prisoners, National Alliance on Mental Illness (Cayuga County)

# MY IDENTITY IN *CHRIST*

I am a child of God (John 1:12)

I have peace with God (Romans 5:1)

The Holy Spirit lives in me (1 Corinthians 3:16)

I have access to God's wisdom (James 1:5)

I am reconciled to God (Romans 5:11)

I am not condemned by God (Romans 8:1)

I am justified (Romans 5:1)

I have Christ's Righteousness (Romans 5:19; 2 Cor 5:21)

I am Christ's ambassador (2 Cor 5:20)

I am completely forgiven (Col. 1:14)

I am tenderly loved by God (Jer 3:13)

I am a temple in which God dwells (1 Corinthians 3:16)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:5)

I am a branch in Christ's vine (John 15:1,5)

I am blameless beyond reproach (Col. 1:22)

I am chosen by God, holy and dearly loved (Col. 3:12)

I am free from any condemning charges against me (Romans 8:31)

I have been made complete in Christ (Col. 2:10)

I have been given a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline (2Tim 1:7)

I am God's co-worker (2 Cor. 6:1, 1 Cor 3:9)



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