

September 13, 2020
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, and worthy of our highest praise.

People: Who is like the Lord?

Leader: Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea, and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

People: Who is like the Lord?

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

People: Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. **Amen.**

HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Hymnal 620

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)*

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others? We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves. We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving. So, we kneel before you once again to ask for patience and grace. Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.

People: Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

Leader: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 114

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 14:19-31; 15:1b-6, 20-21

Matthew 18:21-35

Romans 14:1-12

MESSAGE *No Fair! The Math of Forgiveness*

Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN "Here, O Our Lord, We See You" Hymnal 517, v.1-3

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S

PRAYER (we say *sin*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

GOING INTO THE WORLD

HYMN "God, How Can We Forgive" Hymnal 445

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The **prayer deacon** this week is Emily Berry. You can email or text her any prayer requests that you would like Piper to mention during the Pastoral Prayer.

Wednesday Night Bible Study will meet next week, Sept. 16 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Sunday School will meet Monday afternoons, beginning next week on Sept. 14.

Lay leaders are needed to read the Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, and the Psalm. Please let Piper know if you can record readings for the online service.

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