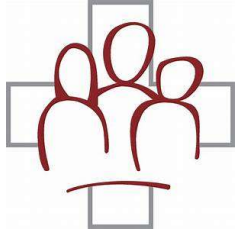
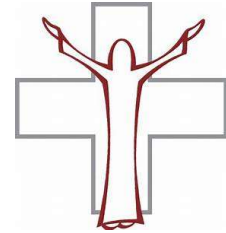


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Thanksgiving & Praise A Time for Rejoicing in Jesus Christ



July 7, 2021

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

Program

Instrumental Gathering	Medley of Favorite Hymns	Joyce Best, piano
Greetings and Opening Prayer		Vicar John Cotner
Opening Hymn:	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn #790, vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5	Janine Alford, leader Joyce Best, piano; McCaryn G., cello
Confession	From the Devotional, <i>On the Way to the Cross: 40 Days with the Church Fathers</i>	Vicar Cotner
Scripture Reading	Psalm 148	Janine A., reader
Instrumental Interlude:	“Prelude” from J. S. Bach, Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major	McCaryn Gaty, cello
Apostles’ Creed & First Article Explanation	“What does this mean?” from <i>Luther’s Small Catechism</i>	Vicar Cotner
Devotional	“The Awesomeness of God’s Creation”	Pastor Don Kasper
Hymn:	“How Great Thou Art” Hymn #801	Janine A., leader, Joyce B., piano McCaryn G., cello and Austin Angerman, harp
Instrumental Interlude	“Gigue” from J. S. Bach, Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major	McCaryn G., cello
Closing Prayer & Blessing		Pastor Kasper
Closing Hymn	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymn #803	Janine A., leader, Joyce B., piano McCaryn G., cello and Austin A., harp
Instrumental Sending Music		Joyce B., piano

GREETINGS & OPENING PRAYER

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OPENING HYMN: #790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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CONFESSION FROM ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS: 40 Days with the Church Fathers

ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought

not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

PSALM 148

¹ Praise the LORD.^[a]

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹ you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² young men and women,
old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn,^[b]
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

ALL: Praise the LORD.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

“Prelude” from J.S. Bach, Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major,
McCaryn Gaty, cello soloist

APOSTLES' CREED

FIRST ARTICLE: Creation

**ALL: I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

SECOND ARTICLE: Redemption

**And 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.
The third day He rose again
from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right of God,
the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

THIRD ARTICLE: Sanctification

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

FIRST ARTICLE EXPLANATION

Vicar: What does this mean?

ALL: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my sense, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

“The Awesomeness of God’s Creation” By Pastor Don Kasper

DEVOTIONAL HYMN: #801 How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain

REFRAIN:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” Refrain

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

“Gigue” From J.S. Bach, Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major

McCaryn Gaty, cello soloist

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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INSTRUMENTAL SENDING MUSIC

WITH GRATITUDE TO:

Pr. Don Kasper, devotional message

Joyce Best, piano

Janine Alford, Scripture reader/hymn leader

McCaryn Gaty, cello

Austin Angerman, harp

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