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August 29, 2021

Gathering

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PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Tom Birchwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS Mary Ann Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP Janet Lindfors

One: We gather to worship in the presence of God.

All: We are blessed to be in God's presence.

One: Last week we were invited to put on the armor of God.

Today we will be asked to let the mind of Christ be in us.

All: Perhaps the Spirit of the Living God will change us today!

HYMN OF PRAISE "Spirit of the Living God" (Sing 2 times)
Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me use me

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

You tell us, O Lord, about those who abide in your presence; who may dwell on your holy hill. Included are those who walk blamelessly, who do what is right, and who speak from the heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly; so often we stumble down the path of faith. The truth makes us anxious, and righteous living is illusive. Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace, challenge us with your presence, and by your forgiveness, free us to try again. We humbly ask this. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE *Amazing Grace*

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see!"

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

QUARTET

“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”

Sacred Harp

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2: 1-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, 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 that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Let This Mind Be in You”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Beach Spring

God whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer to your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Unison)

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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. You may mail checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may give by credit or debit card by going to www.wbts.org and clicking "Donate now."

OFFERTORY "Cantilene" Lani Smith

RESPONSE *Showalter*

"What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning (on Jesus), leaning (on Jesus), safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning (on Jesus) leaning (on Jesus), leaning on the everlasting arms."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Loving God, knowing fellowship with you and leaning on your everlasting arms, we trust ourselves to you. We make our offering knowing you will be there for us in the future as you have blessed us in the past. Receive our gifts and use them for the glory of your name and the gospel of Jesus our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Lift High the Cross" *Crucifer*

(REFRAIN) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (REFRAIN)

O, Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (REFRAIN)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Tom Birchwood

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A meeting of the congregation will take place at the close of the Sunday, August 29 after the 10 a.m. service (at approximately 11 am) for the purpose of hearing a report from the Elder Nominating Committee and acting on that report.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Next Sunday, September 5th, we return to 8:45 & 11:00 am services in person. Online services will continue.

TODAY'S FLOWERS were given by Pete & Patty Zahn, in celebration of Pete's dad, Pete Zahn Sr.'s birthday, and by Sandy Reppert, for the love of family and the WBTS congregation, friends and staff.

Organist: Phil Hampton
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