

Sunday Worship ~ September 10, 2023

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God Gathers the Church

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we are called into worship today,
it is sobering to remember that when
God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.

People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see God's glory.

We open our ears to hear God's wisdom.

We open our hands to offer God gifts.

We open our mouths to sing praise to God.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

As we gather in worship, let us approach the throne
with confidence as together we proclaim

He is Lord!

***OPENING HYMN: #655 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.
You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship
not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we
do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions
when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into
what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here,
that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and
ever, in Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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God spoke all these words:

“I am the LORD your God.

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house;

you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

***GLORIA PATRI**

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 61:1-3 and Romans 10:17

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** #668 “Wonderful Words of Life”

Sermon: “Why we Worship the way we do: We Hear God’s Word” *Rev. Kendra VanHouten*

The Church Responds to God

THE SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation and Offering

**DOXOLOGY*

**Prayer of Blessing*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN WITH 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 HYMN:** #671 “Lord, We Hear Your Word”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Indicates to please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*

**Liturgy for today is from the Worship Sourcebook*