

**The Body of Christ Gathers in Worship and Praise
July 29, 2018**

O Sing to the Lord—the Community of Music

10:55: Please take time to greet one another, warmly welcoming visitors in the name of Christ.

*Joyfully, heartily resounding, let every instrument and voice
Peal out the praise of grace abounding, calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion such sounds as make the heavens ring;
All things that live in earth and ocean make music for your mighty King.*
-Erik Routley

Welcome		Rev. Jay Meadows
Prelude	Psalm 95:1-7	Claire Hauser and musicians
Invocation		Rev. Kevin Wilson

Jubilate Deo Combined Choirs
Peter Anglea

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;
servite Domino in laetitia.
Introite in conspectus ejus
in exultatione.

*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
Serve the LORD with gladness:
Come before his presence with singing.*

Quoniam suavis est Dominus:
in aeternam misericordia ejus,
et usque in generationem
et generationem veritas ejus.

*For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth
to all generations.*

Litany for Song Rev. Wilson, Congregation

God, it was your voice, the vibration of your words,
that set the first molecules into formation and motion.

You sang the universe into being.

Your breath first nudged planets and atmospheres into existence,
the rasp and the melody of your speaking.

You sang the world into being.

Like the cascade of waterfalls, the rumble of thunder, the whir of wind
and the soft breath of infants—so is the beauty and power of the voice of our God.

You sang creation to life.

You moved air through lungs and dust and called us Beautiful, named us Beloved,
and shared with us your energy and your art.

You sang humanity to life.

You are love, and Love set the earth spinning and the stars shining and our hearts beating. In Christ,
Love put on a human face; took on vocal chord, consonance, resonance, and sustain.

Hallelujah!

In Christ, Love decided that dying was dancing and resurrecting was to be expected.

Hallelujah!

In Christ, Love said that loss is gain and death is life and power is weakness and dissonance is harmony, and then proved it.

Hallelujah!

In Christ, Love is re-making every broken thing. Every off-key note, every counterpoint, coda, and hum is arranged to beauty.

Hallelujah!

In Christ, Love is singing again, and still singing; a song of redemption, invitation, and new creation.

Hallelujah!

Hymn 309 *When, In Our Music, God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG

Scripture Rev. Meadows

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Meadows

Reading *Community* Blake Hensley

Hymn *Like the Colors of the Rainbow* COPELAND

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Handbell Selection Granite City Ringers

Offertory Prayer Todd Tucker

Offertory *Beside a Stream of Living Water* Chancel Choir

Setting by Thomas Keesecker

Beside a stream of living water stands a tree of God’s blest people,
Its roots run deep, from those before us.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

So many rings, a living history, some are thin from years of struggle,
Some circle wide from times of plenty.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

The branches soar beyond the steeple, leaves as varied as its people;
So many gifts and yet one body,
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

O tree of life, O tree of glory, may our witness tell God’s story for all who follow in the future.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

Reading *Sacrifice* David Hicks

How Beautiful Chancel Choir

Twila Paris/Lloyd Larson

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died:
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Reading

The Spiral Procession; Hebrews 12:1

Doug Cook

Clouds of Witnesses

Chancel Choir
Robert A. Hobby

Clouds of witnesses surround us, saints whose heritage we claim.
Christ's own love has bought and bound us one with all who bear his name.
Here within this congregation, trusting your strong word alone,
Help us build on this foundation: Christ the living cornerstone.

Holy Spirit's fire, falling where your faithful people pray:
Fall on us, expectant, calling, gathered in your name today.
Come through word of mystic power; come through water, bread and wine.
Gifts of peace upon us shower; Christ's pure light among us shine.

Send us where your people languish, lost in depths of sin, despair.
Send us where they lie in anguish, wounded, wasted, bound with care.
Lord, your Gospel's word of freedom let our lives, our lips reveal
Till the long-awaited kingdom comes this broken world to heal.

Help us, as the saints before us, bear with faithfulness your name
Till we join the mighty chorus singing hymns of glad acclaim:
Praise the Lamb, once slain, victorious over death forevermore,
Father, Spirit, ever glorious, Triune God whom we adore.

Reading

Always

Resa Brewington

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Chancel Choir
Eric Nelson

Dr. Carrie Friesen, cello, Jennifer Freeman, flute
Text may be followed at Hymn 640.

Reading

Music

Marie Hauser

Hymn

Eternal God

John Rutter

Verses 1-3 will be sung by choir.
Congregation please join on verse 4.

Sending

Rev. Meadows

Benediction

You Are Being Redeemed
Claypool Benediction

Chancel Choir

Depart now in the fellowship of God the Father and, as you go, remember: By the goodness of God, you were born into this world. By the grace of God, you have been kept all the day long, even unto this hour. And by the love of God, fully revealed in the face of Jesus, you are being redeemed.

Postlude

Dr. Grooms

Readings by Susan Palo Cherwien

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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, July 29

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am ****The Church at Worship & Praise**
2:00pm Reception for Linda Denney
4:00pm Youth Outing

TUESDAY, July 31

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

WEDNESDAY, August 1

12:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 2

5:30pm Feeding Friends Meal
7:00pm ***Boy Scouts—Scout Hut**

SUNDAY, August 5

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am ****The Church at Worship & Praise**

*Community Ministry **Hearing Assists / Valet Parking available upon request. Wheelchair spaces are available in the sanctuary for the convenience of those who need to stay in their chairs.

Ministry for Sunday: Special Music Service:

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Sunday School Greeters: Jean Atkins & Jeanette Jordan ; **Deacon Greeters:** David & Betty Jones; **Babies:** Chip & Jenn Fussell ; **Toddlers:** Jared & Ashley Moser ; **Preschoolers:** Andrea & Meredith Taylor ; **Kid's Korner:** Richie & Anna Norris
Sound: Ben Cooke, Peter Cooke, Martin Cooke

Attention: The Nominating Committee is seeking Volunteers to fill Committee Vacancies. Please prayerfully consider serving on one of the following committees.

- Discipleship Committee-Need 1
- Nominating Committee-Male (2 year Term)
- Kitchen Committee-Need 2
- Security Committee-Need 1
- History Committee-Need 1

Please contact Ben Cooke or call the office for job descriptions for each of the listed vacancies.

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