

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy, arr. R. Haan¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 22

Leader: God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

Leader: To you they cried, and they were saved;

People: in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Leader: God, you are holy.

People: All praise to you, now and forever!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Hyfrydol²

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you. Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel (continue with individual confession...) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Hebrews 4

Leader: We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

People: **Therefore, we can approach the throne of grace with boldness, and we will receive mercy and find grace in our time of need. In Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness we seek.**

*ACCLAMATION HYMN 581

*Glory Be to the Father, Gloria Patri*³

1 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 22:1-5

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

SERMON

Sharper Than A Two-Edged Sword

*HYMN 262

*Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus All Saints*⁴

1 Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus, bears the name above all names, reigning Son of God, surpassing other titles, powers, and claims; since to heaven our Lord has passed, let us hold our witness fast!

2 Since we have a priest who suffered, knowing weakness, tears, and pain, who, like us, was tried and tempted, unlike us, without a stain; since he shared our lowly place, let us boldly seek his grace.

3 Sacrifice and suffering over, now he sits at God's right hand, crowned with praise, no more an outcast, his preeminence long planned; such a great high priest we have, strong to help, supreme to save.

4 Love's example, hope's attraction, faith's beginning and its end, pioneer of our salvation, mighty advocate and friend: Jesus, high in glory raised, our ascended Lord, be praised!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts, Taize Ecumenical Community*⁵

1 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory, CWM Rhonnda*⁶

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Meditation on Amazing Grace, arr. F. Swann⁷

Worship Notes:

Offerings and friendship forms may be placed in the plates as you exit the sanctuary. Pencils are available in the Narthex.

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Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Ushers: Kathy Key & Jean Loup

Liturgist: Liane Kosaki

AV/Tech: John Tarr



WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS October 10

Intergenerational Event TODAY in Fellowship Hall

Come join the Education and Mission committees today following worship for an intergenerational event to make fleece blankets for Afghan refugee children in Wisconsin. We will be tying fleece blankets (like we've made for Project Linus) to give to the children currently housed at Fort McCoy. The Mission committee will be assembling resettlement packages to give to the families (more information will be coming regarding this) and we wish to include an item specifically for the children to keep for themselves.

Crop Walk - Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

Each year congregations across the United States walk to raise funds to end hunger and poverty through long term sustainable approaches to significantly reduce or eliminate hunger. This year, the Crop Hunger Walk will be held on October 17—you can register to walk or contribute funds to the Crop Walk by going to this link:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/madisonwi>

Paper Bags

Thea's Table (who was part of the West Food Collaboration) is in need of paper bags for their weekly food deliveries to families in need. If you have any to spare, please put them inside the bin that is inside the Yuma doors during normal church hours. Thanks!

Pres House Meals

Karen Stephens is coordinating the dinner for the students at Pres House on selected Sundays throughout the 2021/22 academic year. All volunteers are welcome! If you would like to help out, at this time we especially need side dishes (salad, rolls, vegetable, dessert). The dates Westminster Presbyterian signed up for are: October 17, November 21, December 19, and February 20. Please let Karen know if you would like to help. Email: kjstephens24@att.net or Cell: 714-705-3004, Thank you!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Homebound Highlights: Nell Seiberlich, Shirley Toomey, Kathy Waggener, Wade Waggener

Members & Friends: Carla McCann, Kelly McCann, Gloria Stange, the parents of Jessica Salt, Ruth Hein & family