

# Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 1, 2020

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Romans 5:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

**C** Amen.

## Psalm

*Psalm 46*

**P** God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

**P** though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**C** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

**C** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

**P** The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**C** Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**P** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

**C** “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

**P** The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:18–31*

<sup>18</sup>To whom then will you liken God,  
or what likeness compare with him?

<sup>19</sup>An idol! A craftsman casts it,  
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold  
and casts for it silver chains.

<sup>20</sup>He who is too impoverished for an offering  
chooses wood that will not rot;  
he seeks out a skillful craftsman  
to set up an idol that will not move.

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.  
<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.  
<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.  
<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



# Sermon Hymn #656

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



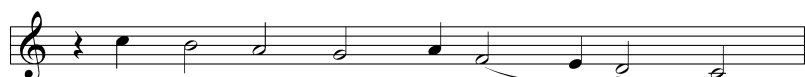
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;  
All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
But for us fights the val - iant One,  
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
He's by our side up - on the plain



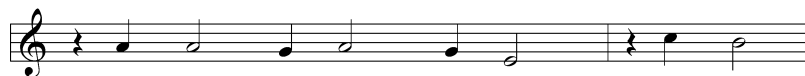
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.  
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
as he will, He can harm us none.  
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
the field for - ev - er.  
tle word can fell him.  
dom ours re - main eth.

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<sup>11</sup>But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

<sup>15</sup>We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

<sup>17</sup>But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

### Prayer

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Holy Communion



# Distribution Hymn

## By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the  
 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the  
 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the  
 By faith the church was called to go in the  
 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the  
 light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the  
 pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts, of a  
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the  
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -  
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we  
 lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,  
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,  
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
 liv - er to cap - tives and to preach good news  
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble  
 who walk by faith and not by sight. *v. 2 chorus*  
 and a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *v. 4 We will*  
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *chorus*  
 for all who call up - on His name. *chorus*  
 stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our  
 soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done,  
 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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## Distribution Hymn #744

## Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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### Announcements

#### Bible Study \*

Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

\* Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

#### New Member Class

A new member class begins today. The classes will be held on Sundays (6:00pm - 7:30pm). Everyone is welcome! Please contact the church office if you or someone you know may be interested in attending.

**Youth Confirmation** - Youth confirmation classes begin today. They will be held on Sundays (11:30am - 12:30pm). Please contact Pastor Mueller if your child will be attending.

**Jr. High/Sr. High** youth group Tuesday Nights at the church from 6:30-8:00pm. Come join us to study Psalm 23 together!

## **Mercy Ministries**

**Help St. James "Spread the Joy" with Residential Hospice in Glen Carbon!** Currently they are in need of donations to place in their "Spread the Joy" bags which are distributed to patients in assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and those still living at home. For more information, please contact **Shanna Covarrubias** by call or text at **(618)971-7420** or email her at **shanna.covarrubias@melhs.org** .

## **Glen Carbon School**

We are collecting winter coats (children's sizes 6-8 / 10-12/14-16) , hats and mittens for girls and boys in need. They need 3 in each size for both girls and boys for now. These have to be new due to Covid Restrictions. Please keep in mind, this is for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Please drop off your donations in the box in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



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