



Order of worship

June 27, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Call to worship (*Psalm 30:1-4*)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

Call to confession

Let us confess our sins to God, confident in God's promise to
forgive us, heal us and transform us.

Prayer of confession

Holy and loving God,
you promise us that you are making all things new.
Yet we see the pain and injustice in our world and in our lives,
and we do not believe you.
Forgive us for our tiny faith.
Make us confident in your promises,
that we may be people of courageous hope,
healers in a world desperate for restoration. Amen.



Declaration of forgiveness

Lamentations 3:22-23 tells us,
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."

God loves us, no matter what. I declare to you with confidence,
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Live in that forgiveness this day
and always. Amen.

Prayer for illumination

Startle us, O God, with your truth,
and open our minds to your Spirit,
that we may be one with Christ our Lord,
and serve as faithful disciples,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture readings

Sermon

Affirmation of faith *(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



Call for the offering

Whether we have much or whether we have little,
God asks us to offer what we have for God's purposes,
including our tithes, our gifts, our skills and our passions.
Let us offer to God what we can,
confident that God will take our small offerings,
and multiply them to abundance
for the good of our congregation and our community.

Prayer of dedication

God of all provision,
take these gifts,
and use them for your glory and for the good of our world.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer


O God, in these summer days, in this season of ordinary time,
we ask that you would make our lives verdant with growth. We
long for your restoration and your healing. We long for you to
make all things new. We lay before you all our hopes, desires
and fears, knowing that you lovingly receive them all.

For the places in our lives, our church and our society that
are dry and thirsty, we pray for healing waters. For the places
in our lives, our church and our society that are flooded with
to-dos and overwhelmed by injustice and inequality, we pray
for a receding of the waters, that we would be empowered and
emboldened to act with justice, love and peace.

All this talk of fire and flood raises our awareness of the
parts of our nation preparing for wildfires and hurricanes this
summer. We pray your protection on all people living through
the effects of climate change. We pray your courage and
discipline to be able to make changes that will prevent deep
suffering in the future.

For the needs of this community, we pray now, offering, in the
silence of our hearts, the names of those in our midst who are
suffering and need your sustaining love.

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Shape us into people of bold hope that rest firm on the promise of a new heaven and new earth. Enable us to serve you wherever we are planted, not only in the everyday tasks at hand, but in the larger visions of justice, love, and peace for which we work.

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying: *Our Father ...*

Charge and benediction

People of God, go from this place confident in God's promises. Love and serve the Lord.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and always. Amen.

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