



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

### CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

Leader: God invites us into his healing presence with these words:

"I am the Lord, who heals you."

**People: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated,  
we come hungering for health that only God can provide.**

Leader: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears,  
and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

**People: We bow before him in faith and expectancy!**

### \*OPENING HYMN #21

1 O Lord, my God,  
when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods  
and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down  
from lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook  
and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God,  
his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come,  
with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim,  
"My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

How Great Thou Art

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### \*Hymn #473

1 And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

2 'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!

And Can it Be

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
[Refrain]

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.**

*[A time for private, personal prayers of confession]*

**Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen\*****ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -Westminster Confession 18.4**

**We believe that the assurance true believers have of their salvation may be shaken, lessened, or interrupted for various reasons: from neglecting to preserve it; from committing some particular sin, which wounds the conscience and grieves the Spirit; from some sudden or strong temptation; or from God's withdrawing the sense of his presence and allowing them to walk in darkness. Nevertheless, they are never completely without God's seed, the life of faith, the love of Christ and of other believers, and the sincere heart and obedient conscience, out of which the Spirit may revive this assurance in due time and by which they are in the meantime kept from complete despair. Amen**

### **TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Karey Garrison

### **ANTHEM**

**"Bread & Wine, Wine & Bread"**

Mary Kay Beall

### **WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

### **SCRIPTURE:**

1 Samuel 15:28-34; Romans 8:28-30, 38-39

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

***People: Thanks be to God***

**SERMON:**

***"Divine Regret"***

**SERIES: DID JESUS DRINK COFFEE?**

*"... the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man,  
that he should have regret." — 1 Samuel 15:29*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution**

**Partaking of the Communion Elements**

**Closing**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #514**

*1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*Refrain:*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

*2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]*

*3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**