**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**August 3rd, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**PRELUDE:**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *Lord Of All Hopefulness #482*

1. *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord at the break of day.*
2. *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of day.*
3. *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

**WELCOME: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth**

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit

**Everyone:** and Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

**Everyone:** ***Amen.***

EVERYONE: ***Come let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.***

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.***

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.***

***The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

***For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Everyone: **And also, with you.**

Priest:Let us pray

Priest: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen****.*

*Priest: Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

**THE LESSONS**1st LESSON**:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader: Here ends a reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 49:1-11

*Let us read it responsively by full verse.*

Reader: Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

**Response: My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

Reader: I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

**Response: Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

Reader: The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, and boast of their great riches?

**Response: We can never ransom ourselves, or deliver to God the price of our life;**

Reader: For the ransom of our life is so great, that we should never have enough to pay it,

**Response: In order to live for ever and ever, and never see the grave.**

Reader: For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

**Response: Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they call the lands after their own names.**

Reader: Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

Reader: Here ends a reading from the Psalms.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE:** Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader: Here ends the reading from the book of Colossians.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:** *Be Thou My Vision, O Lord Of My Heart #488*

1. *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be;thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Priest/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

**Response: Glory to you Lord Christ**.

**The Gospel**: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, `What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, `I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, `Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, `You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

**Everyone: Praise to you Lord Christ**.

**MESSAGE: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth**

**NICENE CREED**

Pastor: Let us stand as we confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**Everyone: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the whole world.

Reader:  Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:
**Response:  *That we all may be one.***

Reader: Grant every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
***Response: That your Name be glorified by all people.***

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
***Response: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
***Response: That there may be justice and peace on the Earth.***

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
***Response: That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
***Response: That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.
***Response: Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
***Response: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or troubles; especially **Stephanie, Gary, Mike G, Marilyn, Gary, Larry, Annette, William, Nancy, Bill, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K., Fr. John, Alec, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Linda, Donna, and Catherine.**

***Response: May they be delivered from their distress.***

Reader: We pray for the men and women serving in our armed forces, especially, **Mitchell, Michael, Ethan, Emily, Alan, Chris, Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, and the 983rd Army Combat Engineer Battalion.**
***Response: Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.***

Reader: Let us pray silently or aloud for those we hold close to our heart.

**SILENCE**:

**Response: Hear our prayer:**

Reader: In the communion of St. Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all of our life, to Christ our God.
***Response: To thee, O Lord our God***

Priest/Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

**Everyone:Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the holy spirit keep you in eternal life.

Priest: Let us pray for peace in our world.

**Prayer for Peace: Lord Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred, let us build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, let us walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions, make us whole, and bring us peace. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Priest: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Priest: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Everyone: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

**Response:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**People:** **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover lamb is sacrificed for us. Therefor let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest: The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving**.**

Priest: Let us pray with those who are unable to receive the Eucharist with us this morning:

**EVERYONE: Dear Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament, but since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I ask that you come spiritually into my heart.**

**Unite me with you and never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

Priest: St. Thomas practices open communion which means that all who believe in the Risen Lord are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

Communion can be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.

Priest: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

LEM/Deacon: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Priest: Let us Pray:

**Everyone: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us spiritually with the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, May the Lord look upon you with favor and bring you peace.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**: *O God, Our Help In Ages Past #680*

1. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:*
2. *A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*
3. *Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

LEM/Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THANKS: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**