**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**August 10th, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**PRELUDE:**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *Jesus Calls Us; O’er The Tumult #549*

*Verses 1,3,5*

1. *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me;" saying, "Christian, follow me;"*
2. *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store; from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more." saying, "Christian, love me more."*
3. *Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all. serve and love thee best of all.*

**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: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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**:** Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 33:12-22

*Let us read it responsively by full verse.*

Reader: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

**Response: The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.**

Reader: From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

**Response: He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.**

Reader: There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**Response: The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.**

Reader: Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

**Response: To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.**

Reader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

**Response: Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

Reader: Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

Reader: Here ends a reading from the Psalms.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:** *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light #490*

1. *I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

*Refrain:
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

1. *I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]*

*Refrain:
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

1. *I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]*

*Refrain:*

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

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 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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**: *Lord, You Give The Great Commission #528*

1. *Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*
2. *Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*
3. *Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let your priests, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that world around us share your children's liberty; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THANKS: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**