

# Order for the Celebration and Worship of God

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

*When you see \* beside a word, please stand if you are able.*

## Gathering as a Living Fellowship

### \*ENTERING HIS GATES WITH PRAISE

This is our “gathering” song (Psalm 100:4). As you come before Him in joyful song—  
**please remember to silence your electronic devices.**

#### “Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

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Reaches of heaven, starry heights, Lights of the evening,  
dancing in silent skies, Brilliance of morning, breaking day,

O let them praise Him, praise His name.

O praise His name, O praise His name,

Let all His wondrous works declare His praise!

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains, snow fall and fire,  
thundering ocean waves, Kings and their kingdoms,  
age to age, O let them praise Him, praise His name.

**O praise His name, O praise His name,**

**Let all His wondrous works declare His praise!**

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**Let all His wondrous works declare His praise!**

King enthroned in majesty, All things made by His decree,  
Hear creation's melody, Praise Him! Praise Him!

Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west!

Every heart raised from the dead, Praise Him! Praise Him!

Angels echo the refrain, Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!

Name above all other names, Praise Him! **(Chorus)**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

**PRELUDE** This is a time of preparation and anticipation; a time to “be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

**INVOCATION** As you prepare your heart for worship, ask God to be at work—forgiving your sin and helping you know Him better.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**From Hebrews 4:14-16**

**Leader:** We worship because we have a great High Priest, Jesus, who has gone into heaven; He sympathizes with our weaknesses, and bids us to come and find forgiveness, rest, and peace for our souls.

**Unison:** *Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

## Celebrating the Presence and Word of God

### \*SINGING OF PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

#### “Come Thou Fount” #457

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Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing; tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer\*; hither by Thy help I'm come.

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

(\*Ebenezer means “stone of help” see 1 Sam. 7:12)

#### “Before the Throne of God Above”

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Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great high priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav-n He stands no tongue can bid me thence  
depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
for God the just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am, The King of glory and of grace.

**One with Himself, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my  
God. (Repeat bold then) With Christ, my Savior and my God. With  
Christ, my Savior and my God.**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**From Isaiah 25:1,6-9**

**Leader:** We confess that the Lord is God. We exalt Him and praise His name, for in perfect faithfulness He has done marvelous things.

**Unison:** *He has promised us that on His mount of salvation He will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.*

**Leader:** On this mountain He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

**Unison:** *In that day, God will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth.*

**Leader:** In that day we will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him and He saved us;

**Unison:** *We affirm that this is the Lord, in whom we trust; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.*

#### “Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right”

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Whate'er my God ordains is right, Holy His will abideth.

I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.

He is my God, Though dark my road.

He holds me that I shall not fall Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me

He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me

I take, content, What He hath sent

His hand can turn my griefs away And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Though now this cup in drinking

May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking

My God is true, Each morn anew

Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Here shall my stand be taken

Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken

My Father's care Is round me there

He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all.

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**From Psalm 61**

**Unison:** *Our faithful Father, we join our voices with the psalmist, who prayed, “Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. I long to dwell in Your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.” We praise You for being our Rock and Refuge, a strong tower shielding us from the fears and anxieties of life. We rejoice before You in the knowledge that our great High Priest, Jesus, lives to intercede for us. Receive us as we come in His Name, confessing our sins, seeking Your wisdom, and crying out to You in faith.*

*(Please offer your silent prayers to God.)*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### HYMN OF PRAISE #500

**“Rock of Ages”**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Romans 8:37-9:9**

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

(Page 801 in pew bible)

**Unison: Thanks be to God!**

(Children age 4 through first grade who will attend Children's Church are dismissed following the Scripture reading.)

**SERMON: “Romans: Not Ashamed of the Gospel”**  
 Part 3: “Justified? So What?”  
 Sermon 27: “Nothing Can Separate...Really?”  
 Today’s Speaker: Pastor David Temples

## Responding in Faith

### REFLECTION AND PRIVATE PRAYER

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #691** “It is Well” vss 1-3

### \*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary. Tithes and offerings may be placed in them either before or after the service.)

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*DISMISSAL:** It is Well” vs. 4

### POSTLUDE

Week of September 17, 2023	Week of September 24, 2023
<b>Greeters: Long / McCready, B</b>	<b>Greeters: Thomas / Donley</b>
<b>Children’s Church: J. Boykins</b>	<b>No Children’s Church</b>
<b>Sun., 9/17</b> 9:30 am Worship Service (Livestreamed) 10:45 am Fellowship 11:10 am Sunday School 12:15 pm World Mission Team Mtg	<b>Sun., 9/24</b> 9:30 am Worship Service Livestreamed 10:45 am Fellowship 11:10 am Sunday School 12:10 pm Choir Practice
<b>Mon., 9/18</b> 7:00 am Elder / Deacon Pray	<b>Mon., 9/25</b> 7:00 am Elder / Deacon Pray
<b>Tues., 9/19</b> 10:00 am Member Care Team Mtg	<b>Tues., 9/26</b> 10:00 am Member Care Team Mtg
<b>Wed., 9/20</b> 10:00 am Game Day @ Westwood 5:00 pm Dinner @ Westwood 6:00 pm Small groups/students @ WW 6:30 pm College/Career @ Steever’s	<b>Wed., 9/27</b> 10:00 am Game Day @ Westwood 5:00 pm Dinner @ Westwood 6:00 pm Small groups/students @WW 6:30 pm College/Career @ Steever’s
<b>Thurs., 9/21</b> 8:00 am Men’s Bible Study 6:30 pm Small group at Harris’	<b>Thurs., 9/28</b> 8:00 am Men’s Bible Study 6:30 pm Small group at Harris’
<b>Fri., 9/22</b> 9:00 am Evang. Discuss @ Ch 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study 11:30 am Women’s lunch	<b>Fri., 9/29</b> 9:00 am Evang. Discuss @ Ch 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study 11:30 am Women’s lunch
	<b>Sat., 9/30</b> 8:00-12:00 Fall Work Day at Church



We are glad that you are worshipping with us today! Here is some information that may be helpful for you: Please join us in our fellowship hall after worship for refreshments and fellowship!

**Parents:** We welcome and desire infants and children to be in our worship service. There is no need to be embarrassed if your child or infant makes an occasional sound during worship. Everyone understands this! But when your child’s or infant’s sounds become more than occasional, much above a whisper, or if he/she is very active, please love your neighbors by taking your child or infant out of the sanctuary, quiet him/her down, and feel free to return, or make use of the Cry Room (across the hall outside the sanctuary) or Nursery. By doing this you will be helping those whose hearing has become compromised through age or injury. While those with healthy hearing are able to differentiate sounds from more than one source, those whose hearing has become compromised are not able to do so.

- Our **nursery** is down the hallway on the right (turn right when you leave the sanctuary).
- Our **restrooms** are down the hall on the left (turn right when you leave the sanctuary).
- **Sunday School** begins at 11:10 am for all ages. Any of our members will be glad to help you find a classroom. Our younger children’s classrooms are along our hallway outside the sanctuary.
- We have “**Children’s Church**” for 4 years olds - 1st grade during the sermon (*except on the last Sunday of the month or during special events*). Children return to their families before the end of the service.
- We do not pass the offering plates during our service. They are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Prayer request cards and offerings can be placed in them before or after the service.
- We have a greeter outside the sanctuary during worship and outside our Sunday School classes during the Sunday School hour. They are also available to assist you if you have questions.

### FAMILY BUSINESS 2023 (Updated Monthly)

General Fund Contributions/Expenses: January-August 2023:	
Contributions: \$ 172,916	Expenses: \$ 181,370
<b>Faith Promise Goal for April 2023 – March 2024:</b>	\$ 47,000
Number of Faith-Promise Cards Received	16
Total of Faith-Promise Cards Received	\$ 32,840
Contributions for April - August 2023	\$ 10,838
Expenses for April -August 2023	\$ 20,035

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Church picnic at Landmark Park  
 October 15-22 – Prayer Week

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 Our secretary’s office hours: 8:30 - 3:30    Wednesday

# Welcome

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