## Order of Worship

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

**OPENING SONG** 

#### "Your Love Awakens Me"

There were walls between us.

By the cross You came and broke them down, You broke them down.

And there were chains around us.

By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light. You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Chorus:

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me. Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Feel the darkness shaking. All the dead are coming back to life. I'm back to life. Hear the song awaken. All creation singing, "we're alive 'Cause You're alive!"

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light. You called my name and then my heart came alive. *Chorus* 

And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us down. We shout it out: We're alive 'cause You're alive!

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Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me. *Repeat* 

Chorus:

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me. Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

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#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and

cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

**DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20** 

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

#### "Stay And Wait"

Who spoke the earth and sky to form? Who sets the sun and calls the dawn? Who breathed me out of dust to life? With the will to trust or run and hide.

Chorus:

And I will stay, should the world by me fold.
Lift up Your Name as the darkness falls.
I will wait and hold fast to Your word.
Heart on Your heart and my eyes on Yours.

Who loved me through my rebel way? Who chose to carry all my shame? Who breathes in me with endless life? The King of glory Jesus Christ. *Chorus* 

God of wonder and God of grace, Let my soul stand always to praise You. Fix my eyes on Your perfect way And I'll never look back. *Chorus* 

Who lifts the poor and heals the blind? Who trampled death for all mankind? Who stands for all with arms stretched wide? My King forever, Jesus Christ. *Chorus* 

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Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 14:25-35

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup> "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### "Mighty To Save"

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing; Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior. The Hope of nations.

Chorus:

Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is Mighty to save. He is Mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again. I give my life to follow,

Everything I believe in. Now I surrender. *Chorus* 

Shine Your light and let the whole world see, We're singin' for the glory of the risen King. Jesus, shine Your light and let the whole world see, We're singin' for the glory of the risen King. *Chorus* 

Shine Your light and let the whole world see, We're singin' for the glory of the risen King. Jesus, shine Your light and let the whole world see, We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

"Free To Grow, All One Body, We Choose Life!"

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

#### **APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### OFFERING

At this time, you may give your offering electronically.

Use the e-Giving Card in the pew or visit

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You may also place your offering in the offering plate as it passes.

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### "Build My Life"

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#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be

gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

#### **CLOSING SONGS**

#### "You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)"

1. (Men) You are holy. 2. (Women, Children) You are Holy.

You are mighty.
You are worthy,
Worthy of praise.

You are mighty.
You are worthy,
Worthy of praise.

I will follow.
I will listen.
I will love You,
All of my days.

I will follow.
I will follow.
I will listen.
I will love You,
All of my days.

(1 and 2 together)

1. I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy.
And I will love and adore Him,
And I will bow down before Him.
And I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy.
And I will love and adore Him,
And I will bow down before Him.

2. You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings, You are mighty God, Lord of ev'ry thing. You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I Am, You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb. You're the Living God, You're my saving grace. You will reign forever; You are Ancient of Days. You are Alpha Omega, Beginning and End. You're my Savior; Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.

(All) You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

1. (Men) You are holy. 2. (Women, Children) You are Holy.

You are mighty. You are worthy,

Worthy of praise.

I will follow.
I will listen.
I will love You,
All of my days.

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(All) You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

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#### "Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

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**POSTLUDE** 

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### Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Jim** and **Myrna Ryan** in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Also, flowers are placed on our altar to the glory of our Lord in celebration of **Frank Beniche's** birthday.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams Terri Green Alexander Hernandez Jeanne Kelly

**Brad Morton**