

*Praise Worship
Service*

Sunday, October 18, 2026

10:15am

Order of Worship

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome

Opening Song

"No One"

Yahweh, Yahweh, Yahweh, Yahweh, Holy is Your Name.

I don't want to take it in vain. *Repeat*

Yahweh, Yahweh, Yahweh, Yahweh, Holy is Your Name.

I don't want to take it in vain. *Repeat*

There will be no other god before You.

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There is no one above You, no one beside You and nobody like You.

There will be no other god before You, no one, no one, no one.

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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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Baptism of Morgan Alexandria Symank

Invocation

Pastor: We celebrate today the blessings God has given us. We remember the grace given through Baptism, and we gather at the Baptismal font for new life and new hope.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we come before the Lord today to welcome a new member into the Kingdom of God. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of

God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

All: Amen. Come, creating Father.

Pastor: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Jesus also said, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: *Morgan Alexandria Symank*, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart, to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

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Let us pray. Lord God, Heavenly Father, we present *Morgan* a child of Your own creation, given to us as a blessing to Your church. We know each one of us is born sinful into a sinful world, darkened from Your light. Give to *Morgan* of child and to all of us the light of Your presence, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Confession of Faith

Pastor: It is your task as parents and sponsors to confess before God your intention to see that *Morgan* is brought up in the Christian faith. As a part of your responsibilities, you are to remember *Morgan* in your prayers, to teach them the 10 Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. As they grow in years you are to put in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for them further instruction in the Christian

faith that in fellowship with the church they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: It is good and right that we should all confess with the church what God works in and through Baptism. So I ask do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

All: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Let us confess the new life of hope *Morgan* will receive.

All: 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.

Baptism

Pastor: It is written in Titus, chapter 3, "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." Into this Christian faith we now baptize *Morgan Alexandria Symank*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Spirit. *Morgan Alexandria Symank*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

Blessing

Pastor: We offer two symbols of the new life found in Christ, that you, *Morgan*, child of God, may remember the grace found today in baptism. Receive this white cloth, to show that Christ has taken away all of your sin and clothed you in perfect righteousness. Receive also this burning light, to remind you to live always by Christ's light in a world darkened by sin. Let this light be a comfort and guide all your days. May the Lord, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. May He keep you in your baptismal grace, that you may lead a life that will glorify Him. Peace be with you.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. Father of all creation, bless these parents and all our parents. Give to them a heart of rejoicing in the gift You have given them. Grant that they may be enabled to carry out Your work, strengthened in their own faith, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Through Baptism God has added *Morgan* to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Let us speak these words of blessing and welcome:

All: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

Pastor: And you, *Morgan*, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

All: Amen!

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45: 1-7

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ² "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you

by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.

The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

"Gratitude"

All my words fall short; I got nothing new.
How could I express All my gratitude?

I could sing these songs As I often do,
But every song must end, And You never do.

Chorus: So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a "hallelujah, hallelujah,"
And I know it's not much, But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing "hallelujah, hallelujah."

I've got one response; I've got just one move:
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You. *Chorus*

Oh, come on, my soul, Oh, don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song,
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.

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The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22: 15–22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Children’s Message

Song

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked Your mercy’s perfect deed;
We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev’ry gift which you impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As You, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By Your Spirit send Your power To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love’s revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.

arr. Joshua Chai

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The Sermon

Rev. Glenn A. Lucas

"That Which is God's"

Matthew 22:21b

Offering

Musical Offering

Abiding Praise

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.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

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 Song

"Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful; forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us; forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful; forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us; forever.

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord in celebration of the anniversary of **Katie Beniche's** birthday.