

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**Prelude**

***Woke Up This Morning***

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, and the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

*Let us humbly bow before God in confession.*

**Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. You have made us aware of the world's suffering, yet we are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. You have made us to live in harmony with creation, but we have lost our way. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, you are already and always forgiven. God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. God's love knows no bounds. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace,  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore thee, may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering 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 wandering heart to thee,  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

**Invocation**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## Kyrie

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

*Refrain:*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

## Prayer of the Day

God of deliverance, you called Moses to be your hands, feet, and voice in a troubled world. Teach us how to work, walk, and speak your word in our ever-changing world today. **Amen.**

## Reading

### **Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-15**

*Moses and the Burning Bush*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

## Message

## Hymn of the Day

## *Be Thou My Vision*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art,  
Thou my best thought, both 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 soul's shelter and thou my high tower,  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,  
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

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### Offertory Response

### *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### Closing Prayer

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by Christ's Spirit, send us now to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

### 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 forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

### *Canticle of the Turning*

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

*Chorus:*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn,  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *(Chorus)*
3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn,  
These are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *(Chorus)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **In Our Prayers this Week:**

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks  
unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

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