



# Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

June 26, 2022 Ordinary 13C



\*The prayers today were written by Pastor Stuart.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The LORD majestically reigns over the entire universe; His presence is vital for all life to exist.

***People: God has placed our sun amongst the stars and set our Earth in the midst of the heavens.***

Pastor: Your throne, O God, was established before Time began and Your sovereignty endures forever. Amen.

**HYMN** #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Guide: Almighty God, through Your marvelous works and powerful ways, we experience Your holy presence. We turn to You in adoration, praising Your Holy Name and worshipping Your mighty acts of salvation. You have brought us to this sacred place of prayer to acknowledge how indebted we are for Your mercy, and how blessed we have become through the riches of Your grace.

***People: Gracious God, we have sometimes refused Your guidance and closed our eyes to Your ways. We have indulged our conceit and nursed our vanity. There are still times when we are guilty of being casual with our beliefs and careless with our faith. Forgive us for neglecting our Christian duty, our loving compassion, and total devotion to You. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins***

- *Silent Confessions* -

Guide: Merciful Majesty, we are unworthy of Your love and do not deserve Your pardon. Your Holy Son Jesus Christ has fully paid for our sins with His death. We are completely acquitted and absolved only through His sacrifice. In His Sacred Name, we make these prayers and continue with His words, saying, "***Our Father...***

***THE LORD'S PRAYER" (debts/debtors)***

### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: Only Christ can bring us back to God. In all the universe, Jesus alone has the

power and authority to forgive our sins and grant us eternal restoration. Let us honor and glorify Him as our Savior and Lord, both now and forevermore. Amen.

**ANTHEM** "Be Thou My Vision" - Stacie Armsworth, flute; Nancy Berry, piano

### **PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

Pastor: O LORD, how good and pleasant it is to know of Your wondrous, healing love! We seek Your peace within us and yearn to be united with Your Holy Spirit. Hold us in Your healing hands and let our prayers be graciously received.

***People: Let our cries be patiently heard as Your Spirit falls upon us. We lift up prayers for our loved ones and others who need Your blessings of healing and strength, as well as peace and wholeness. Hear us now as we silently pray.***

- Silent prayer for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -

Pastor: The LORD is loving and compassionate, merciful and mighty, therefore God hears us, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reader: Holy Spirit, help us to grow in faith each time we read from this Sacred Book. Teach us Christ's ways and encourage us to receive His words in our hearts and minds. In His Name, we pray. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

#### **2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14**

1-2 When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

***6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.***

7-8 Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

***9-10 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."***

11-12 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire

and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

***13-14 Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.***

***ALL: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.***

### **Luke 9:51-62**

51-53 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

***54-56 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.***

57-58 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

***59-60 He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."***

61-62 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

***ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**MESSAGE** Homily by Rev. John Stuart

**CLOSING HYMN** #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

**BENEDICTION** *May Christ greet us in the world and lead us every day; may The Father continue to inspire us as servants of His Kingdom, and may the Holy Spirit strengthen our faith and fellowship with the One, Triune, and Living God, forevermore. Amen.*

**POSTLUDE** "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" Janet Linker

# Pray for one another....

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## FOLLOW-UP READINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Isaiah 17:1-14	Isaiah 18:1-7	Isaiah 19:1-11	Isaiah 19:12-25
Acts 28:1-16	Acts 28:17-31	Romans 1:1-17	Romans 1:18-32
FRIDAY	SATURDAY		SUNDAY
Isaiah 20:1-6	Isaiah 21:1-17		Exodus 20:1-7
Romans 2:1-16	Romans 2:17-29		Philippians 2:5-11

### BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

***Matthew 6:7*** *“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.” (NIV)*

Prayer comes from the heart and goes straight to God. Some of the best prayers that we say happen in silence. We connect directly to God who hears what our hearts are feeling, so if we feel weighed down by our worries, or are spiritually paralyzed because of pressure, don't worry about what to say to God in prayer: God already knows. 😊