

**SUNDAY SCRIPT
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 27, 2023 8: 15 AM**

WELCOME AND GREETING

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin our worship in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen.

PRAISE THE LORD! Psalm 138 (NLT)

Pastor: I will give You thanks, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing Your praises before the angels.

Men: I bow before Your holy temple in worship. I will give thanks to Your name for Your unfailing love and faithfulness, because Your promises are backed by all the honor of Your name.

Women: *When I pray, You answer me; You encourage me by giving me the strength I need.*

School Age Youth: Every king in all the earth will give You thanks, O Lord, for all of them will hear Your words.

Pastor: Yes, they will sing about the Lord's ways; for the glory of the Lord is very great!

Men: Though the Lord is great, He cares for the humble, but He keeps His distance from the proud.

Women: *Though I am surrounded by troubles, You will preserve me against the anger of my enemies. Your power will save me.*

All: The Lord will work out His plans for my life – for Your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for You made me!

OPENING SONG "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**And I'll worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name**

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Lord Jesus, you are the Rock upon which we are building our lives. We rely upon You for our salvation. We must confess that we do not always obey You as Lord and master. We have conformed to the ways of this world instead of renewing our minds in Your Word and following Your path of right living. We are reluctant to acknowledge in public that You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Receive our confession of failures, cleanse our hearts by the merits of Christ's sacrifice and transform us through the powerful Holy Spirit to live renewed lives for Your name sake.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

C: 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.

P: I speak to you the Gospel as a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ who gave Himself for our sins: "Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Let us now praise Jesus for being the Church's one foundation. He bought us with His blood. He defends, guides, sustains and cherishes us. He will return for His church at the end of the ages to give us peace and rest.

SONG

"My God Is Still The Same"

**Just ask the waves If they are stilled at the mention of His name
They'll say my God is still the same
Ask the walls If they still fall at the mighty sound of praise
They'll say my God is still the same**

**When did He break His promise When did His kindness fail
Never has never will My God is still the same
When did He lose His power When did His mercy change
Never has never will My God is still the same yeah
My God is still the same**

**Just ask the words You prayed in desperation if they're heard
They'll say my God is still the same
Ask the grave If it's strong enough to keep hope in its chains
It'll say God is still the same yeah**

**When did He break His promise When did His kindness fail
Never has never will My God is still the same
When did He lose His power When did His mercy change
Never has never will My God is still the same yeah**

**Not once did He ever stop mov-ing Not once has He ever let go
Not once did He ever stop pro-ving Our God is in control
Not once did He ever stop mov-ing Not once has He ever let go
Not once did He ever stop pro-ving Our God is in control**

**When did He break His promise When did His kindness fail
Never has never will My God is still the same
When did He lose His power When did His mercy change
Never has never will My God is still the same yeah**

**Not once did He ever stop moving Not once has He ever let go
Not once did He ever stop pro-ving Our God is in control
Not once did He ever stop moving Not once has He ever let go
Never has never will My God is still the same**

**My God is still the same
My God is still the same**

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OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

R: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S 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.

SERMON "Who Do You Say I AM" Matthew 16:13-20
(Sermon outline on back of Bulletin)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC "Thank God I Do"

I've seen love come and I've seen love walk a - way
So many ques - tions, will anybod - y stay?
It's been a hard year, so many nights in tears
All of the dark - ness, trying to fight my fears
Alone, so long alone

I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know you
I'd probably fall off the edge
I don't know where I'd go, if you ever let go
So keep me held in your hands

I've started breath - ing, the weight is lift - ed here
With you it's eas - y, my head is fin - 'ly clear
There's nothing miss - ing when you are by my side
I took the long road, but now I re - a - lize
I'm home with you, I'm home

I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know you
I'd probably fall off the edge
I don't know where I'd go, if you ever let go
So keep me held in your hands

I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know you
I'd probably fall off the edge
I don't know where I'd go, if you ever let go
So keep me held in your hands

You're my safe place, my hide away You're my anchor, my saving grace
You're my constant, my steadiness You're my shelter, my oxygen

I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know you Thank God, I do

I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know you
I'd probably fall off the edge
I don't know where I'd go, if you ever let go
So keep me held in your hands

I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know you Thank God, I do

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – BLESSING OF SCHOOL
STAFF/TEACHERS/ADMINISTRATION**

**RALLY DAY BLESSING – BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
STAFF/VOLUNTEERS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

“Way Maker”

You are here moving in our midst I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place I worship You I worship You

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching every heart I worship You I worship You
You are here healing every heart I worship You I worship You

**You are here turning lives a - round I worship You I worship You
You are here mending every heart I worship You yeah I worship You Lord**

**(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

**(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

**That is who You are that is who You are
That is who You are that is who You are**

**That is who You are that is who You are
That is who You are that is who You are**

**Even when I don't see it You're working Even when I don't feel it You're
working
You never stop You never stop working You never stop You never stop
working**

**Even when I don't see it You're working Even when I don't feel it You're
working
You never stop You never stop working You never stop You never stop
working**

**Even when I don't see it You're working Even when I don't feel it You're
working
You never stop You never stop working You never stop You never stop
working**

**Even when I don't see it You're working Even when I don't feel it You're
working
You never stop You never stop working You never stop You never stop
working**

**(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

**(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

**That is who You are that is who You are
That is who You are that is who You are**

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