

2023

## *“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”*



### **The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to  
hear and join in today's Worship service**

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.  
Psalm 29:1, 2*

### **Call Statement:**

*“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”*

### **Mission Statement:**

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships  
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

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### **WELCOME AND PRAYER**

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**

*(Share the Peace of the LORD with each other)*

## SONG

### Better is One Day

#### Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied Within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

#### Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts,  
Than thousands elsewhere.

*(repeat)*

#### Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.  
*(repeat)*

#### BRIDGE 1

My heart and flesh cry out for You, The living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.

#### BRIDGE 2

Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day, than thousands elsewhere.  
*(repeat)*

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father,

All: **Through Your precious Word You have called us into  
Your vineyard. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts  
that we may labor faithfully in Your vineyard, shun sin  
and all offense, obediently keep Your Word and do  
Your will, and put our whole and only trust in Your  
grace, which You have poured on us generously  
through Your Son Jesus Christ, that we may obtain  
eternal salvation through Him; Who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and  
forever. Amen.** Veit Dietrich Reformation Theologian 1549

## LESSONS

Philippians 1:12-14,19-30

Psalms 27:1-9

## GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

### *Generosity of GOD*

## SONG

### Amazing Grace

#### Verse 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

#### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

#### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

#### Verse 4

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

#### Verse 5

Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease;  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

#### Verse 6

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun;  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we first begun.

#### APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

#### THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

All: 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.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life; and we  
pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us,  
through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love  
toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

### **THE SENDING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have  
compassion on broken and lost people around me.  
Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience.  
Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience  
Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. 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.

### **SONG**

#### **Shout to the North**

##### **Verse 1**

Men of faith, rise up and sing Of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak,  
In your brokenness complete.

##### **Chorus**

Shout to the north and the south;  
Sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

##### **Verse 2**

Rise up, women of the truth, Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r  
Of our awesome King of love.

##### **Verse 3**

Rise up, church with broken wings,  
Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high By His grace again we'll fly.

##### **BRIDGE**

We've been through fire, We've been through rain;  
We've been refined By the pow'r of His name.  
We've fallen deeper In love with You.  
You've burned The truth on our lips.

##### **ENDING**

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth!

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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#### **NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023**

#### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **The Worship Service will be with sung liturgy**

#### **Readings for Next Sunday**

Ezekiel 18:1- 4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-10 Philippians 2:1-18

Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)

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