

1ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Service for The LORD'S Day

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
July 14, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

**Bold text: All** | Regular text: Leader | †: *Please stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Lobe den Herren*

J.G. Walther (1684–1748) and Max Drischner (1891–1971)

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 85*

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for the LORD will speak peace to God's people, to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**Surely the LORD'S salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before the LORD, and will make a path for God's steps.**

†HYMN: 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from our fears, may live in wholeness and joy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and LORD. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (*kneeling or bowing down*)

Beth Merrill Neel

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

KYRIE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of the LORD Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

†GLORIA PATRI 580

SCOTTISH

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Stalcup

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Amos 7:7-9

Pew Bible OT p. 855

This is the Word of the LORD.  
Thanks be to God.

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:3-14

Pew Bible NT p. 191

This is the Word of the LORD.  
Thanks be to God.

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*All children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited into the center of the sanctuary to surround the Gospeler during the Gospel Processional Hymn. Afterward, the children will be led out of the sanctuary to the Chapel for Godly Play and will return during the hymn that follows the sermon.*

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†GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 698 *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

TAKE ME AS I AM

†LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

Pew Bible NT p. 40

This is the Gospel of the LORD.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Redeeming Grace"

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Callender, *Pastor*

TIME OF REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

†HYMN: 342 *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*

RHUDDLAN

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. John Behnke (b. 1953)

†DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The LORD’S Supper is open to all who seek to know God through Jesus Christ, regardless of religious background. It is served by intinction, coming forward to the servers and dipping the bread into the chalice of wine, held by the inside servers, or the chalice of grape juice, held by the outside servers. Gluten-free bread is available by speaking to the minister. If you wish to be served in your seat, let the usher know when your row is released to come forward. The server will say “The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation for you” or the like, to which you may respond, “Thanks be to God” or “Amen.”

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The LORD be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the LORD.  
Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.  
(Prayer continues...)

SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er  
 God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high- est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high- est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.  
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD (kneeling or bowing down)

Response: Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*kneeling or bowing down*)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMNS 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
503 *LORD, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

AMAZING GRACE  
O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise you, all gracious LORD, for meeting us at this table where Jesus our Redeemer is the host. With joy and thanksgiving, may we receive all that is given in this communion with Christ. Empower us to respond faithfully to live as your redeemed people that we may be a blessing to the world, until your reign of glory comes in full. Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD BY GOD

†HYMN: 634 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

POSTLUDE: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* (1989)

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Dr. Beverly Howard, Guest Organist



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