

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 14, 2021

PRELUDE “Jesu, mine Freude” Walther

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is God that has made us.

We are God's People, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks, and bless God's holy name.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God's faithfulness is eternal.

* HYMN “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” No. 476
verses 1, 3, & 5

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace, all around us is conflict, rumors of wars, the threat of climate change, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We lose trust in leaders. In our anxiety we lash out in anger. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another, holding fast to the confession of our hope. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.** May God's peace be with you. **And also with you.**

* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

* HYMN “When We Are Living” No. 400

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (NRSV) Pew Bible p. 233 *OT*

⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵ but to Hannah he gave a double portion,^[a] because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD.^[b] Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹ She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a

nazirite^[a] until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants,^[a] and no razor shall touch his head.”

¹² As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴ So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” ¹⁸ And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters,^[a] ate and drank with her husband,^[a] and her countenance was sad no longer.^[a]

¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 10:19-25 (NRSV)Pew Bible p. 211 *NT*

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends,^[a] since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure

water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

SERMON “Go Ahead, Provoke Me!”

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

Freely we have received; freely we give. With joyful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, cazpres.org.

* **DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

O God, you give us life; you are the source of every blessing. These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you. Use them, and us, to work your will in this world you love, and let all we say and do be to your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

