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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

Prelude                    “Paraphrase on ‘Hymn to Joy’”                    Hegarty

### **Prayer of Preparation** *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

*Gracious God, You sent Your Son among us to reveal Your wisdom and make known Your ways. Increase our faith, that we may confess Jesus as Your Son, take up His work on earth, and trust His promise to sustain the church. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – From Psalm 99**

- L: The Lord is King! Let the nations tremble! He sits on His throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake!
- P: The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations.**
- L: Let them praise Your great and awesome name. Your name is holy!
- P: Mighty King, lover of justice, You have established fairness. You have acted with justice and righteousness throughout Israel.**
- L: Exalt the Lord our God! Bow low before His feet, for He is holy!
- P: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also called on His name. They cried to the Lord for help, and He answered them.**
- L: He spoke to Israel from the pillar of cloud, and they followed the laws and decrees He gave them.
- P: O Lord our God, You answered them. You were a forgiving God to them, but You punished them when they went wrong.**
- L: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain in Jerusalem, for the Lord our God is holy!

**\*Hymn**      **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**      **RED #448**

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God, we may feel like Isaiah this morning: “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.” We wonder, how can we stand in Your presence, barely able to fathom the smallest degree of Your holiness, while intimately familiar with our own brokenness? Have mercy on us Lord of Hosts! Lord Jesus, Son of the Most High God, have mercy on us!**

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **The Peace**

**L:** Peace be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**\*Gloria Patri**      **“Glory Be to the Father”**      **PH #579**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Time with Young Disciples**

**Old Testament Reading**      **Exodus 33:12-23**

**New Testament Reading**      **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading**      **Matthew 22:15-22**

**Sermon**      **“A Dual Citizenship?”**      **Pastor Edgecombe**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith - “A Brief Statement of Faith”**

*(This is found in the front of the Red Hymnal Book – Section B)*

**\*Hymn**      **“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”**      **RED #440**

## Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

Offertory      *"Three Joyous Organ Verses"*      Zipoli/Spong

\*Doxology      **PH #591**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn      *"Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide"*      RED #421

### \*Charge and Blessing

Postlude      *"O That Will Be Joyful"*      Merrell/Spong

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

WORSHIP LEADER:	Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
ORGANIST:	Emma Lou Denton
PIANIST:	Rich Ford
GREETER/USHER:	Jan Costello
LITURGIST:	Linda Claussen

***\*Please stand, if able***

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