

May 27, 2018
First Sunday after Pentecost | Ordinary Time

GOD CALLS AND CLEANSSES US

Gathering Song

He is Immanuel, v. 1-2
Moore (2017)

Begotten of the Father, see the long-awaited One;
Promised Victor in the garden, David's Lord and David's Son;
Born in poverty and sorrow, without home or bed to claim,
Angels herald the Messiah—come to live a life of shame.

The Word of God incarnate, well acquainted with our grief.
Who alone can take our burdens; look to Him and find relief.
All our sins were placed upon Him; Father's wrath He justly bore,
Rose in power, death He conquered, now alive forevermore!

*He is Immanuel, Immanuel,
He is Immanuel, Immanuel.*

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

*Childcare is available during the worship service.
Infants/Toddlers (nursery); Two and Three year olds (Rooms 102, 103)*

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1-4

LEADER: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

ALL: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

LEADER: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

ALL: **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

LEADER: Come, Let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

He is Immanuel, v. 3-4

The Lord, He goes before us, do not fear nor be dismayed;
Shout aloud and join the chorus, "Christ will lead us all the way!"
Interceding with His Father, purifying prayer and praise,
Till we reign on high in glory with our Bridegroom all our days!

Bring honor to the Father as we praise the reigning Son,
in the power of the Spirit glorify the Three in One.
There will be no death nor mourning for these words are just and true.
He is faithful to His promise and is making all things new!

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GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin | Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 27:5-14; 1 John 1:8-9

LEADER: The LORD will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

Worship Singing

Dear Refuge of my Weary Soul, v. 1-2

Steele | Twit (1998)

Dear Refuge of my weary soul, On Thee when sorrows rise,
On Thee when waves of trouble roll, My fainting hope relies.
To Thee I tell each rising grief, For Thou alone canst heal.
Thy word can bring a sweet relief, For every pain I feel.
But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine.
The springs of comfort seem to fail, And all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust.
And still my soul would cleave to Thee Though prostrate in the dust.

LEADER: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

ALL: **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

LEADER: Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,
O You who have been my help.

Worship Singing

Dear Refuge of my Weary Soul, v. 3-4

Steele | Twit (1998)

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, Attends the mourners prayer.
Oh may I ever find access, To breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet.
Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet.

LEADER: Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: **Merciful God, we confess that 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.**

LEADER: Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

ALL: **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Worship Singing

We are Not Overcome

Robert Heiskell (2013)

Flesh will fail, bones will break;
Thieves will steal; the earth will shake.
Night will fall, the light will fade;
The Lord will give and take away.

Put no trust in the earth,
In the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust,
The Lord will make a place for us.

REFRAIN: *Because of His great love,
we are not overcome.
Because of His great love,
we are not overcome.*

Have no fear for your life.

Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.

Bear the yoke of love and death.

The Lord will give life and breath.

REFRAIN

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship through Giving

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Musical Offering: Anthony D. Moore, piano

I Need Thee Every Hour

Annie Hawks | Robert Lowry; arranged by Bill Wolaver

*I need Thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine
can peace afford.*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly, and abide,
or life is vain.*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Psalm 102:1-17, 25-28 | *Loneliness Undone*

Stephen Bates

Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to You! ² Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

³ For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. ⁴ My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread. ⁵ Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh. ⁶ I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places; ⁷ I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop. ⁸ All the day my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse. ⁹ For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink, ¹⁰ because of Your indignation and anger; for You have taken me up and thrown me down. ¹¹ My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

¹² But You, O LORD, are enthroned forever; You are remembered throughout all generations. ¹³ You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. ¹⁴ For your servants hold her stones dear Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to You! ¹⁵ Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear Your glory. ¹⁶ For the LORD builds up Zion; He appears in His glory; ¹⁷ He regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

²⁵ Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. ²⁶ They will perish, but You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, ²⁷ but You are the same, and Your years have no end. ²⁸ The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before You.

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(BREAD) Worship Singing *Abide with Me*

Henry Lyte | Justin Smith (2007)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth did'st smile;
and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
on to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless.
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

GOD SENDS US

Worship Singing

Gospel Doxology

Words: Trad. (verse 3); Zac Hicks & Julie Anne Vargas (verses 1-2)
Music: "Old Hundredth," arr. Zac Hicks & Julie Anne Vargas (2014)

Your perfect law exposes me; I feel my sin and desperate need.
My best good works are powerless to satisfy Your righteousness

But there is One who lived for me; His life, my only victory.
His death forever sealed in time that I am His and He is mine.

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

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing