

**Order of Worship August, 21, 2022  
(Proper 16)**

*Welcome*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

*Call To Worship Psalm 150*

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

*Hymn*

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*GTG #267*

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!*

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

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### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*Call to Confession*

*Liturgist*

Confident in God's love for us and God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession*

*Liturgist*

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and Spirit, may we rise up in the radiance of Christ's glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*Words of Forgiveness*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

*The assurance of God's grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, Christ raises us to new life.*

*Gloria Patri*

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, Amen.

## HEARING THE WORD

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Liturgist*

**Lord, we long to be continually challenged, transformed, and renewed by your word. May we hear your voice of life as we read and draw close to you.**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Jeremiah 1: 4-10*

*Liturgist*

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

***Hymn***

***Lord, Speak to Me***

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.*

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where  
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share*

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." [a] The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." [b] But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." [c] The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." [d]

*Anthem**My Task**Ric Fernandes**Sermon**"Defining Our Worship"*

Rev. Barbara Macfie

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

*Apostle's Creed* (Contemporary Version)

**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 to the dead. 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 the People and The Lord's Prayer*

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*Invitation To The Offertory*

*Liturgist*

*Giving is not a casual act—it relates God's work to our work. Therefore, may we give generously from our hearts of what we have to offer. May we give as people whose work is inextricably linked to God's great works of creation, redemption, and empowerment.*

*Offertory*

*If I Can Help Somebody*

*Ric Fernandes*

*Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Offertory Prayer*

*Liturgist*

**Holy God, you call us by name and invite us into the life of faithfulness and obedience. When we don't hear your voice or let other voices drown out your call, you still persist. As we offer our gifts this morning, may we bring not only our wealth but our whole lives to your altar, ready to listen to where you would send us, and what you would have us do, for the sake of your Kingdom and Christ's coming. Amen.**

*Hymn*                      *Take My Life and Let it Be*                      *GTG #697 vs 1, 2, 3, 6*

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Benediction*

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*Postlude*

*Steve Johnson*