

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 24, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, worship God, the holy One.

People: **We come, because we know our need for God.**

Leader: Come, discover Jesus Christ, your bridge to God.

People: **We come, because we have experienced God's love and mercy.**

Unison: **We come to worship the God of our salvation**

OPENING HYMN: "JOY TO THE WORLD" (#120 Red)

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- 1)** Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2)** Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3)** He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of our salvation, we come this day to worship You through singing, praying and preaching. We praise You for Your atoning work at the cross on our behalf. For it is through Your son's death that we know You as a compassionate God. We thank You for the continuing work of Jesus Christ. He is our mediator and makes possible our relationship with You day-by-day. We are grateful for Your promise of Jesus' return to make complete our relationship with You. Through this promise, we have assurance of eternal access to the throne of grace. AMEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

We who are called to be a servant people have often forgotten what it means to sacrifice ourselves for others. Success becomes more attractive than service, and so we focus on getting ahead, which often means leaving behind those who cannot keep up. This is a time to confess selfish motives and hurtful actions.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our lives have made You a distant deity. We listen to what others say about You, but we have seldom glimpsed for ourselves who You are. We are dominated by our doubts instead of by our practice of prayer. We repent and ask for mercy as we face up to sins we have not recognized and wrongdoings we have tried to ignore. Instill in us a new appreciation of righteousness, and help us to grow in the way You would have us go. Hear our silent prayers now. ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our God reaches out to us in love. God is most generous in blessing us and forgiving us. In Christ, we are linked with God's saving grace for all time and eternity. Let us praise God!

SONG: "JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES"

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Je - sus, name a - bove all names,



beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,



Em - man - u - el, God is with us,



bles - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.

Repeat

SERVICE OF BAPTISM: (10:30 AM Service Only)

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7:23-28

PSALM 34:1-8

Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, who drove him away, and he left.

¹ I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

² I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³ Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.

- ⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- ⁶This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
- ⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

HEBREWS 7:23–28

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests, men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "The Bridge"

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

UNISON BENEDICTION

O God, You are the great reconciler. Because of my sin and the sin of others, we as human beings find ourselves separated from You by a big gulf. I thank you for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to bridge the gap between You and me. I thank You that Jesus is the once-and-for-all sacrifice that has made our relationship whole. I thank You that even now Your Son makes intercession for me with You. My Lord and my God, I thank You that Your Son will return to take me home to be with You one day. AMEN

CLOSING HYMN: "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" (#314 Red)

Author: K. (1787); Author (attributed to): George Keith (1787); Author (attributed to): R. Keen (c. 1787). Tune: ST. DENIO. Welsh Hymn Melody. Public Domain

- 1)** How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
Who unto the Savior for refuge to Jesus have fled?
 - 2)** "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
 - 3)** "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
 - 4)** "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"
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