

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”*
#543 (verse 1)

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me;
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

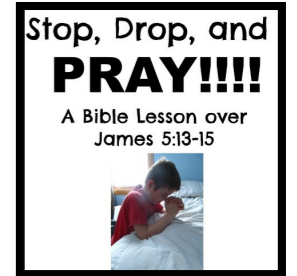
* **POSTLUDE** - *“How Majestic is Your Name”* - Jeff Durham on Piano



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Order of Worship

20th Sunday of Pentecost

October 15, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“Christ Be All Around Me”* - Leslie Anne Jordan, David Leonard,
Leland and Jack Mooring - Jeff Durham on Piano

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”* #469
*Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** – (responsively)

Blessed be the Lord my rock,
My rock and my fortress, my stronghold, and my deliverer.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
And we will declare your greatness.
We shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
And we will sing aloud of your righteousness forever!

* **OPENING HYMN** - *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”* - (Insert)

* **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our

neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God.***

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

**SPECIAL MUSIC - “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” - arr. Ingram
Faith Tone Chime Choir**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 142

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – James 5:13-16

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON “Communion with God”

*** OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD “The Apostles Creed”**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - “Breathe” - Marie Barnett - Jeff Durham on Piano

*** DOXOLOGY - Traditional**

***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. Amen***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

*** CLOSING HYMN - “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - #465**

*** BENEDICTION**