

## Worship Service on Sunday, July 11, 2021

### Welcome

**Greeting** God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

**Question of the Day** How much does a 70 page spiral notebook cost?

a) 50¢ -- \$1 b) 75¢ -- \$1.25 c) \$1 -- \$1.50 d) \$1.25 -- \$2.00

### Call to Worship

Blessed be the God and parent of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank God for every spiritual blessing.

**May the glory of God be known in every place!**

**May God's peace dwell in this and every land!**

Who shall ascend the hill to reach for God?

Who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
those who are not false or deceitful.**

God speaks peace to those who are faithful.

Lift up your heads and your hearts to God.

**We want to hear God's word of truth.**

**We turn to God, eager to receive salvation.**

### Prayer of Invocation

**Ruler of all worlds, whose glory surrounds us constantly, let your Spirit move among us so we may recognize your presence in one another and in our own lives. May our response to you be faithful and our praise genuine. Amen.**

**Hymn** "Blessed Assurance"

### II Samuel 6:1-19 *Revised English Bible*

David again summoned the picked men of Israel, thirty thousand in all, and went with the army that was then with him to Baalath-judah to fetch from there the Ark of God which bore the name of the LORD of Hosts, who is enthroned upon the cherubim. They mounted the Ark of God on a new cart and conveyed it from Abinadab's house on the hill, with Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, guiding the cart. They led it with the Ark of God upon it from Abinadab's house on the hill, with Ahio walking in front. David and all Israel danced for joy before the LORD with all their might to the sound of singing, of lyres, lutes, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals.

When they came to a certain threshing floor, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out and held the Ark of God. The LORD was angry with Uzzah and struck him down for his imprudent action, and he died there beside the Ark of God. David was vexed because the LORD's anger had broken out on Uzzah, and he called the place Perez-uzzah, the name it still bears.

David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, 'How can the Ark of the LORD come to me?' He felt he could not take the Ark of the LORD with him to the City of David; he turned aside and carried it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. The Ark of the LORD remained at Obed-edom's house for three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and his whole household.

When David was informed that the LORD had blessed Obed-edom's family and all that he possessed because of the Ark of God, he went and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom up to the City of David amid rejoicing. When the bearers of the Ark of the LORD had gone six steps he sacrificed a bull and a buffalo. He was wearing a linen ephod, and he danced with abandon before the LORD, as he and all the Israelites brought up the Ark of the LORD with

acclamation and blowing of trumpets. As the Ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked down from a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

After they had brought the Ark of the LORD, they put it in its place inside the tent that David had set up for it, and David offered whole-offerings and shared-offerings before the LORD. Having completed these sacrifices, David blessed the people in the name of the LORD of Hosts, and distributed food to them all, a flat loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins, to every man and woman in the whole gathering of the Israelites. Then all the people went home.

### **Psalm 24 *New Revised Standard Version***

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;  
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient door!  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**Response:** *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

### **Time of Prayer**

**How Is It With Your Soul?**

**Unison Prayer**

**Holy Trinity, yours is the justice that calls power to account. Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent. Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life. Lead us in your truth and set us free to rejoice with all our might. (Time of Silent Prayer)**

With Christ we pray:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Answer to the Question of the Day**

**Time of Offering** *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

**Offering Prayer**

**Holy God, we bring an offering taken from the gifts you have given us. Because they come from you, they are holy. As we return them to you with our thanksgiving, bless them with**

**the power of your love so that they may touch the lives of others and inspire them to join us in giving you thanks and praise in the name of Jesus Christ, the King of glory. Amen.**

**Sermon** “Be Very Careful” Rev. Joyce Rich

**Commission and Blessing**

Dwell in the mystery of God’s will for you.

Dare to reach out in love to those who share your world.

**We will seek God’s counsel daily.**

**We will open our hearts to others’ pain.**

The Holy Spirit goes with you to empower you.

The love of Christ sustains you in all circumstances.

**We have been blessed and fed in this place.**

**We will share with others the joy we have known.**

Amen. **And Amen.**

**Hymn** “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

**Announcements**

**Readings For Next Week:** II Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37

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