



**9am TRADITIONAL SERVICE**  
**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 6, 2020**

**Come to the Mountaintop**

Prelude and Coming of the Light  
 Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

**We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

You turn our mourning into dancing!

**Our souls cannot be silent!**

**O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!**

*(Jann C. Weaver, USA, 20th cent., BOW #453)*

Hymn of Praise.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....#451

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
 thou my best thought by day or by night,  
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3 Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer of Confession.....(BOW #478)

**Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Numbed by our sorrow and grief, we seek blessings for ourselves rather than for those you call us to serve.**

**Wounded by careless words, we lash out in our suffering and hurt the very ones we love.**

**Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.**

**For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.**

**At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.**

**We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.**

**O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.**

**Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.**

*- (all offer prayers of confession in silence) -*

Assurance of Pardon

The God who blessed us to be a blessing is stronger than our weaknesses, and greater than our failings. Even when we fall short of God’s glory, God’s love embraces us and sets us on our feet again.

Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved and forgiven!

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**Glory to God! Amen!**

Observe the Peace of Christ

*(2 Cor. 13:12) – “Greet one another with a holy kiss”*

Psalter.....“Psalm 17:1-7,15 (CEB)”

Listen to what’s right, Lord;  
 pay attention to my cry!

**Listen closely to my prayer;  
 it’s spoken by lips that don’t lie!**

My justice comes from you;  
**let your eyes see what is right!**

You have examined my heart,  
 testing me at night.

**You’ve looked me over closely,  
 but haven’t found anything wrong.**

**My mouth doesn’t sin.**

But these other people’s deeds?

I have avoided such violent ways  
 by the command from your lips.

**My steps are set firmly on your paths;  
 my feet haven’t slipped.**

I cry out to you because you answer me.

**So tilt your ears toward me now—  
 listen to what I’m saying!**

Manifest your faithful love in amazing ways  
 because you are the one

who saves those who take refuge in you,  
 saving them from their attackers

by your strong hand.

**But as for me? I will see your face in righteousness;  
 when I awake, I will be filled full by seeing your image.**

Hymn.....“Gloria Patri”.....#71

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.

Children's Sermon.....*Rachael Samford*

Hymn of Preparation....."Trust and Obey".....#467

1 When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss,  
not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

3 But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows,  
for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

4 Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

**Be Still and Hear God Speak**

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

**O God of light and love, open our eyes to experience your glory. Lead us like you did your followers, up your mountain to glimpse the divine and hear your words. May the brilliance of your Word illuminate this place as we dare to be transformed and go proclaim to the world what we have heard this morning. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson.....Matthew 5:1-3

Sermon Series....."Really, We Are Blessed!" .....Pastor Jim

**Be Transformed**

Hymn of Joy....."Lord, I Want to be a Christian".....#402

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Affirmation of Faith....."The Apostles' Creed".....#881

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 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 Pastoral Blessing and Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory....."Father, Almighty".....LUMC Chancel Choir  
\*Doxology.....#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Go, and Bear God's Light**

Benediction Response..."Lord, Now Let Thy Servants Depart In Thy Peace"  
(LUMC Chancel Choir)

Benediction  
Postlude and Going Forth of the Light