



Service for the Lord's Day

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 18th, 2021

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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Prelude in E-flat Major* Johann Christian Kittel

Welcome and Opening Prayer Lynne Clements

Hymn **My Song Forever Shall Record** PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Prayer of Confession Ken Henry

Sung Response

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

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Assurance of Forgiveness

Sung Response

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,

And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.

We bless, we worship You, we raise

For Your great glory thanks and praise,

O God, the great Creator.

Passing the Peace

God's Word to Us

First Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6	
Second Reading	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	
Sermon	Rest and Compassion in the In-Between	Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra
Psalter	Psalm 23 <i>Shepherd Me, O God</i>	Marty Haugen

Sending Us Out

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		
Hymn	O Christ, the Great Foundation	AURELIA
Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Fantasia in F Major</i>	Johann Ludwig Krebs

My Song Forever Shall Record 67

(Psalm 89)

1 My song for - ev - er shall re - cord the ten - der
 2 I sing of mer - cies that en - dure, for - ev - er
 3 Al - might - y God, your loft - y throne has jus - tice
 4 With bless - ing is the na - tion crowned whose peo - ple

mer - cies of the Lord; your faith - ful love will
 firm, for - ev - er sure, a strong sup - port that
 for its cor - ner - stone, and shin - ing bright be -
 know the joy - ful sound; they in the light, O

I pro - claim, and ev - ery age shall know your name.
 nev - er dies, es - tab - lished change - less in the skies.
 fore your face are truth and love and bound - less grace.
 Lord, shall live, the light your face and fa - vor give.

This abbreviated paraphrase of Psalm 89 passes by the numerous theological and historical details of the full psalm in order to focus on the sovereignty of God, made known through mercy and steadfast love. God's people affirm this covenant relationship through joyful worship.

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

“How good it is to center down!...
The streets of our minds seethe with endless traffic;
our spirits resound with clashings, with noisy silences,
while something deep within hungers and thirsts for the still moment and the resting lull.
With full intensity we seek, ere the quiet passes, a fresh sense of order in our living;
a direction, a strong, sure purpose that will structure our confusion and bring meaning in our chaos.
We look at ourselves in this waiting moment—the kinds of people we are.
The questions persist: What are we doing with our lives?
What are the motives that order our days?
What is the end of our doings?
Where are we trying to go?...
Over and over the questions beat in upon the waiting moment.
As we listen, floating up through all the jangling echoes of our turbulence, there is a sound of another kind—
a deeper note which only the stillness of the heart makes clear.
It moves directly to the core of our being.
Our questions are answered,
our spirits refreshed,
and we move back into the traffic of our daily round
with the peace of the Eternal in our step.
How good it is to center down!”

—Howard Thurman in *Meditations of the Heart*

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