


LARGE PRINT

Worship Celebration

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023 + 9 AM



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD AND
PROCLAIM HIS GREATNESS.
LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW
WHAT HE HAS DONE.

PSALM 105:1, NLT

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Largo" from Xerxes

George Frideric Handel
arr. Josh Kraybill

+ Opening Prayer

*God of mystery and might,
whose wonderful works are to be remembered,
move in our lives, change our minds,
soften our hearts, direct our feet,
that we may follow you more faithfully.
Yes, God, we seek to follow Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.*

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+ Hymn

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

We Grow in God's Word

With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

Our ears and hearts are open.

First Lesson— Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45b (NRSVUE)

¹ O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

²³ Then Israel came to Egypt;
Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
²⁴ And the LORD made his people very fruitful
and made them stronger than their foes,
²⁵ whose hearts he then turned to hate his people,
to deal craftily with his servants.
²⁶ He sent his servant Moses
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 13.44-46 (NRSVUE)

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Oh, How Valuable”

Blessing of Owen Brian Bornancin

Owen Brian Bornancin was born on August 24, 2023 to Bradley & Kayla Bornancin. John & Terri Bornancin are the proud Grandparents.

Hail the day on which a child, Owen Brian Bornancin, was born.
Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise her that gave birth to a son for whom she longed.

Greet this day with joy. Our hearts are glad.

Let us pray.

O Creator, who dost all human beings create,
thou hast a great worth on us conferred by bringing us this little child.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and

Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Alle Menschen Müssen Sterben, BWV 643

Johann Sebastian Bach

Invitation and Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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 not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Spirit of God be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Give thanks to our God!

All our thanks, all our praise!

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, You were God.

Outside all we know, You are God.

After all is finished, You will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpets,

angels teach us their song,

saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

Holy, Holy, Holy God,

our life, our mercy, our might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Save us, we pray, You beyond all.

Blest is the One who comes in your name.

Save us, we pray, You beyond all.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies,

You under the oceans,

You inside the leaves,

You pouring down rain,
You opening the flowers,
You feeding the insects,
You giving us your image,
You carrying us through the waters,
You holding us in the night,
Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,
Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,
You lived as Jesus among us,
healing, teaching, dying, rising,
inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take, eat; this is my body, given for you.”

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Holy God, we remember your Son,
His life with the humble,
His death among the wretched,
His resurrection for us all:
Your wisdom our guide,
Your justice our strength,
Your grace our path to rebirth. And so we cry, Mercy:

Mercy!

And so we cry, Glory:

Glory!

And so we cry, Blessing:

Blessing!

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit:
Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds, ignite your church,
nourish the life of the earth.

Make us, while many, united, make us, though broken, whole,
make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
our Table, our Food, our Server,
our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine, our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever. And so we cry, Amen!

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The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn	<i>Jesus, Priceless Treasure</i>	UMH 532
Hymn	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	UMH 620

Prayer following Communion

***Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.***

***Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

+ Benediction

Postlude

"Menuet" from Suite Gothique

Leon Böellmann

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***

Morning Prayer:

God of love,
today help us live peaceably with all.
Help us live in genuine love:
to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to love you, O God,
with our whole heart, mind, and strength,
In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Holy God,
because you have been with us this day,
we have stood on holy ground. Thank you.
We know that you will remain with us through the night.
Thank you.
In Jesus' holy name. Amen.