healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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.

### Invitation to the Offering

OFFERTORY You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

**Jack Brooks** 

\*Doxology #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

—Sending—

\*HYMN # 610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

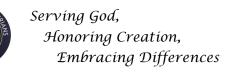
POSTLUDE Lift Up the Gates Eternal

**Jack Brooks** 

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.

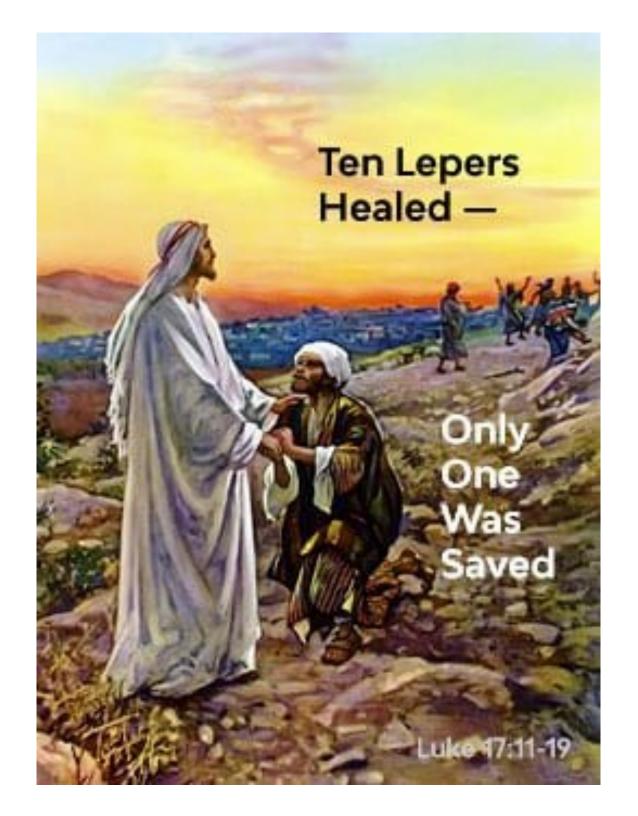


Debbi Ricci.....Administrative Assistant
Jack Brooks ......Guest Organist





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(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit **Bold Italic Letters** indicate congregational response

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PRELUDE Praise God, All You Nations Jack Brooks
WELCOME Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 66)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Sing to the glory of God's name.

All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

Sing to the glory of God's name.

Let us give glory to God.

\*HYMN# 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, When we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

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.

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING

Psalm 46

Please read responsively.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

SECOND READING

1Thessalonians 5:16-24

Bible p. 193, Lg p. 250

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

Bible p. 75, LG p. 98

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Returning Thanks

Rev. Katie Cummings

—Response—

\*HYMN # 643 Now Thank We All Our God

\*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.