

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 19, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Stölzel: Bist du bei mir
(Formerly Attrib. J.S. Bach as BWV 508)

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

Love divine all loves excelling No. 371

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHORUS

In Christ Alone

PEACE OF CHRIST

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handel - Rosemonde Desjardins

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 31:10-31

SCRIPTURE

James 3:13 - 4:3

HYMN

From heaven you came helpless babe No. 379

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON

Who is the greatest of them all?

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS

Ave Maria - Bach-Gounod

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN

O Master, let me walk with thee No. 642

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

'Ombra mai fu,' from Serses -

Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

All: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

One: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

All: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

One: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

All: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

All: Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

CHORUS: In Christ alone by Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: Let us share the peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory;
for ever and ever. AMEN**