



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
Arranged by Glenda Austin

WELCOME

Erin Tolar

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

I will sing of your steadfast love forever, Lord;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Your steadfast love is established forever;

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Your love is sure and promises are everlasting.

Hallelujah! Let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rick Bowles

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy and merciful God,

We come to confess our sins and shortcomings against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned by wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love.

You offer us the blessing of generations,

but we focus on our own daily desires.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Holy God,

Forgive us our sins. Touch our hearts and help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Friends, hear this good news: Many generations have witnessed the grace and forgiveness of God that extends to us again today. Through the Risen Christ, we are forgiven and free!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn 435 - v1
sung through one time*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 17:1-9

SERMON

Erin Tolar

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 51

To Abraham and Sarah

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time,
on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Rick Pitcher

We Shall Overcome, Pete Seeger

*We shall overcome. We shall overcome.
We shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.*

*We shall all be free. We shall all be free.
We shall all be free some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.*

*We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace.
We shall live in peace some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.*

*God will see us through. God will see us through.
God will see us through some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God,

**You have given us many blessings and entrusted us with many gifts.
As we offer them back to you in gratitude, may they be a blessing
for all who encounter them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

Our Going and Coming

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Our Going and Coming'. It consists of two staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Our go - ing and co - ming, our end and be - gin - ning Are safe in your keep - ing. Lord, our end - less bless - ing'. There are four numbered circles (1, 2, 3, 4) placed above the notes, indicating specific points in the melody. The first circle is above the first note, the second above the eighth note, the third above the thirteenth note, and the fourth above the nineteenth note.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Go with God.

Alleluia! And Amen!

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible

Arranged by Phillip Keveren

*Many thanks to Leslie Green and Tom Shelton
who helped to live-stream the service today.*

Subbing for Christopher today is Rebecca Bellelo. Rebecca is a local piano teacher and studio owner, where she enjoys helping students of all ages discover the joy of making music. She lives in Baton Rouge with her husband and nine-year-old son and is thankful for opportunities to serve through music.

*Continuing next week will be our Summer Sermon Series:
“Disputing with God”*

The series explores biblical texts in which people enter into dispute with God, whether to protest God’s judgment, appeal to God’s mercy, or accuse God of wrongdoing. What emerges is a complex dynamic between humans and God, who learn to dispute with one another while remaining deeply committed to their ongoing relationship.



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