

# Worship Outline

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2019

Psalm Series

## We Gather

Prelude

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Bennett & Berry

Emma Kanerva, piano and Noah Rogers, organ

+Call to Worship (responsive)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

*Ps. 146:1–2, 5–10*

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is  
in them and

**who executes justice for the oppressed and  
gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those  
who are bowed down.

**The Lord watches over the stranger and  
upholds the orphan and the widow.**

**The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

+Prayer

Faithful God, you draw near to us  
in our joy and in our grief,  
in our hope and in our despair.

When we are bowed down, you raise us anew.

We turn to you now in search of your healing touch.  
God of compassion and love,  
move among us this hour.  
Open our eyes, dispel our fears,  
and show us the real life you have to offer.  
We pray this in the name of the Risen One,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

+Hymn 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Unison Prayer of Confession

You may be seated. (pause and let them settle themselves)

God of past, present, and future,  
We admit that we are far from perfect.  
We admit that we have failed to keep your promises,  
that we have distanced ourselves from your word,  
that we have failed to admit to past errors,  
overlooked present sins,  
And will no doubt fail you at times in the future.  
Hear our prayers of confession we lift up to you.

**Forgive us for the times  
we do not show the right attitude to holy living.  
Forgive us for using language that tears down.  
Forgive us for our temper tantrums and angry outbursts.  
Forgive us for willful ignorance and impatience  
when things do not go our way.  
Forgive our sullen silences  
and our pretence at displaying compassion.  
Forgive us for thinking that we are always right.**

**God of the past, the present, and the future,  
forgive us our sins,  
bestow your mercy upon us,**

**pour out your love,  
insert your joy in our daily living,  
that we may be your disciples offering our praise  
to your holy name.**

*Silence is kept.*

Assurance

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. (Romans 8:34)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The Peace and Welcome - Liz

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Gathering Song 743  
*God*

*O God, You Are My*

## Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples - Liz

Special Music

*Biblical Songs #5*

Dvorak

Noah Rogers, soloist

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

Let us pray.

By the power of your Holy Spirit  
startle us with your Word, O God,  
and awaken us to your truth,  
for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

3 Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Keep these words in your heart.  
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

## Thanks be to God.

Sermon  
Kanerva

Rev. Liz Rolf

+Hymn 806

*I'll Praise My Maker*

*Psalm 146 begins the final set of five psalms in the book of Psalms. In Hebrew they each begin with "Hallelujah," which the KJV renders as "Praise the Lord." This psalm is properly understood as psalm of praise rather than a psalm of thanksgiving because it celebrates God's nature rather than some personal benefit received from God. Psalm 146 describes a much more intimate deity engaged in causes of justice, in healing, and in protecting the faithful. When carefully considered, it is not hard to understand why this hymn was one of John Wesley's favorites or why he is said to have died with it on his lips.*

- Excerpt from the Glory to God: A Companion

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Invitation

Freely we have received; freely we give.

With joyful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Offertory

*Blessed Quietness*

Ritter

+Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures high and low.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Praise God, in Jesus fully known:***

***Creator, Word, and Spirit one.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

+Dedication

O God, you give us life; you are the source of every blessing. These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you. Use them, and us, to work your will in this world you love, and let all we say and do be to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## Sending

+Hymn 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

+Blessing and Benediction

+Congregational Benediction 542

*God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

*Jubilate*  
Blake