



PHILIPPIANS 2:13. NIV

*... for  
it is  
God  
who works  
in you to  
will and  
to act in order  
to fulfill his  
good purpose.*

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**Prelude**

*Kommt her zu mir, spricht Gottes Sohn*

Buxtehude

**Opening Hymn**

*Meekness and Majesty*

1. **Meekness and majesty, human and deity, in perfect harmony, the One who is God. Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity; kneels in humility and washes our feet.**
2. **Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence; yet learns obedience to death on a cross. Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice; and as they crucify prays, "Father, forgive."**
3. **Wisdom unsearchable, God, the invisible; love in destructible in frailty appears. Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly; lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.**

**Call to worship:** (adapted from Thomas á Kempis)

One: Speak Lord, for your servant are listening.

All: **Incline our hearts to your words.**

One: let your speech come upon us as dew upon the grass

All: **For you have the words of eternal life.**

One: Speak to us to comfort our souls and to change our whole lives;

All: **In turn, may we give you praise, glory and honor, forever and ever.**

**Opening Prayer**

Welcoming God,

you receive and bless all

who come to you in humility.

Show us our false pride,

that we may repent of all conceit and arrogance

and, caring for one another,

may honor Jesus

to the glory of your name. Amen.

**The Gloria**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World with-out end, without- end Amen.**

**World with-out end, with-out end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup>When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup> He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

**Sermon**

Love in Humble Service

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Montoya

**Song of Response**

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me* Tune: BEACH SPRING

- 1. All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell, for I know, what e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well; for I know what e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.**
- 2. All the way my Savior leads me; cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread; though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a thirst may be, gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see; gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see.**
- 3. All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above; when my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way; this my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.**

**An Affirmation** (adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

**We believe in God,**

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,  
and whose love, defeating even death,  
is our glorious promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
we trust in that love: and in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,  
to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth**

and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness  
and in the power of the Spirit of love,  
and in the company of all the faithful  
past, present, and yet to come  
so to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*Hear Our Prayers, O God...*

**For health & healing:** *God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.* Ps. 147:3

We pray for:

~Loretta Senderhauf and the whole family of Roland Senderhauf, as Roland passed away September 14th.

~Sandy Oleson and the whole family of Randy Oleson as Randy passed away September 10th.

~Joe and Laurie, son in law and daughter of Jackie Struck as Joe had to be readmitted to the ICU in the hospital Friday September 18th for water retention that is affecting his heart. He also needs wound care for blisters on his legs.

~Linda who resides in Connecticut, daughter of Jackie Struck who is getting wound care for bed sores she got while at in house rehab from surgery.

Prayers for continued healing.

~Dawn, daughter in-law of Laurel and wife of Brad Dayton, as she has recovered well from having her toe amputated and still remains in the hospital for complications of Diabetes.

~Pastor Dan's mom Patricia and her family as she anxiously awaits her bone marrow biopsy test results.

~Tracy, daughter of Nancy Kaye who remains in ICU and needs a liver transplant. "Thank you for the continued prayers as she is now awake and sitting up, had the tube removed from her mouth and is able to eat on her own and is off most of the pain medications. Nancy Kaye."

~Kathy, who lives in Sandy, Oregon and is an old friend of Andy Oren. Kathy is currently in level 2 which means they need to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Kathy has a hotel room booked just in case but hoping the fires do not reach her community.

~Laura's Smith's dad that he continues to get better at home and for her mom to be able to keep up her strength as she continues to care for him.

~Jean, mother of Klockow's son in law Karl, as she has stage 4 inoperable brain cancer.

~Emily, daughter of Paul and Doris Mayeshiba, as she is in a recovery time and awaits her future treatment plan.

~Nick, Brad and Nancy Charles nephew, who is battling heroin addiction, is out of prison and battling the difficult transition back into “normal life”. Prayers for his family as well.

~Sue Klockow’s brother and Ken’s sister who were both hospitalized and both have now been moved to rehab.

~Family of Ken and Sue who live in California close to where the fires are happening.

~Julene Flanagan’s nephew who is dealing with Bipolar disorder and now out of the hospital struggling to get into a healthy daily routine.

~Greg, son of Paul and Doris Mayeshiba who continues to travel the state with the National Guard now thru the rest of the year assisting in setting up test sites long term and short term.

~Julene Flanagan’s husbands uncle from Alaska who is suffering from Kidney Disease and is now in assisted living and for his son who is going thru health issues as well.

### **Prayer Song**

**Lord, listen to you children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **Offering & Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, you have given us many blessings. We come to you today in thanksgiving and our hearts lifted to you. You have given us homes to take shelter in, clothes to makes feel warm, food to nourish our body and water to satisfy our thirst. You have given us eyes to see your beautiful creations, a nose to smell the scent of the flowers, ears to hear the birds humming so sweetly in the morning. You have given us the hands to touch the lives of many. From all these gifts you have showered upon us, we present to you this simple offering. May it be put to good use of the community. You have showed us what it means to be generous and we want to pay it forward to our church. Continue to bless us and all those in need. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

## Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise him all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## Closing Song

*Christ, You Call Us All to Service*

1. Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you; plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do. Fire a passion for your justice, in us kindle love of peace; help us heal the broken hearted, to the captive bring release.

2. Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side, equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied. To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young, or old; help us use each skill and talent your great purpose to unfold.

3. Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife, seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life. Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be; send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Prelude and Air -Purcell/Coates*

**Happy Birthday to this wonderful person!**

Nancy Jonokuchi October 2

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