

Morning Worship
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
August 30, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! (Psalm 47:6-7).

Adoration

Opening Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

CHORUS: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. CHORUS

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!” CHORUS

The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;
The Spirit answers to the blood, The Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God. CHORUS

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. CHORUS 2X

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Invocation

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

Confession

Call to Confession

Q82: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God but does daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

- Westminster Shorter Catechism

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to lift up our eyes to heaven to present ourselves in your presence, for our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us and we know that you are a righteous Judge.

Nevertheless, Lord, since it has pleased you to command us to call upon you, and since the more we grow faint in ourselves, the more we find our refuge in your sovereign goodness; and since you have promised to receive our requests and supplications through the name and merit of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are emboldened to present ourselves before you and call upon your holy name, in order to receive grace and mercy. We have wandered by turning away from you. We have not given your holy Word the honor or obedience we owe to it. We have not exalted and magnified you as we should. So we have sinned, Lord. But Lord, you are our Father. You are our Creator. You are our Shepherd. You are our Redeemer. Remember that your name has been pronounced over us and that we bear your mark and standard. And continue the work that you have begun in us by your grace, that all the earth might know that you are our God and Savior. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from John Calvin, *Form of Ecclesiastical Prayers*

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:3-5).

Thanksgiving

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavn'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Petition and Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer for the Salvation of Others

Instruction

Hymn of Preparation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (TH457)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
'Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading

John 10:1-10

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

John 10:1-10

Rev. Sammy Rhodes

Campus Minister, RUF-USC

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

CHORUS: We will feast in the house of Zion!

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together;

We will feast and weep no more!

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood;

Upheld, protected, gathered up. CHORUS

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid;

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength! CHORUS

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed; You are the Faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom! CHORUS X2

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Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is good and right to do so.

We welcome to Communion (also called The Lord's Table or The Eucharist) all baptized Christians who have received and are resting on Jesus alone for salvation, and are communing members of any church that faithfully proclaims the gospel. If that does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate by observing but not partaking of the elements – in part because of the warnings Scripture gives those who partake of the Supper without discerning its spiritual significance; but also because we don't want you to express something with your body that isn't true of your heart and mind, namely, that you're trusting in and depending on Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We invite you to take this time to consider what you've seen and heard in the worship service, including Jesus' love for sinners as it is portrayed in this meal. There's also a prayer below for those considering Christianity that you might wish to pray. If this raises questions or concerns, we welcome them and invite you to address them to our pastor or elders.

Prayer for those searching for truth: Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If you are real, please open my heart and mind to the truth of who you are and what you have done in your life, death, and resurrection. Give me faith to trust you for salvation and satisfaction, and to follow you as my Lord. Help me to see this as the only way to the life you promise and for which I long. Amen.

Prayer for Christians: Lord, you have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as a guest, I rest on the merits of Jesus, and come clothed in his righteousness. While I see the bread and the cup, may I ponder why Jesus died and hear him say, "I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself as an offering to satisfy divine justice, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free." May I obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all that I gladly receive Jesus to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight. In the Supper give me assurance of pardon, adoption, life, and glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, may your Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "The Lord's Supper"

Charge and Blessing

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision (TH642)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

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