



July 27, 2014
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**
John Hughes

OPENING OF WORSHIP

***Opening Words of Worship** (responsively)

What are we to say? If God is on our side, who can be against us?
**God held nothing back from us, even sending Jesus,
God's own Son, for us.**

Who, then, will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will trouble, or hard times, or hatred, or hunger?

Will homelessness, or threats, or danger, or back stabbing,
or any of the worst sins named in Scripture?

No! None of these things can diminish Christ's love for us.

I am absolutely convinced that nothing — nothing living or dead,
angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable —
absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love.

Hallelujah! Amen.

~Adapted from Romans 8:31-39, The Message.

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* Please stand if you are able

***Opening Song #59**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

***Opening Prayer** (unison)

As we sing and listen to the reading and preaching of your Word, Holy God, impart to us the message that will give us new life this day so that we may love and serve you with our whole hearts.

Amen.

***Gloria Patri** (unison)

Henry W. Greatorex (from red hymnal #623)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

***Welcome to Our Guest(s)**

After you fill out a Guest Card, please place it in the offertory plate later in the service.

Greet one another and pass along the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You may say, "Peace be with you." The response is "And also with you."

Gift of Music

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpoint and Miriam Therese Winter

Mass Choir

SHARING OF GOD'S STORY

Scripture of the Day

Romans 8:26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who

searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gift of Music

The Love of God

Frederick M. Lehman
Eva Morse, Vocalist

(Children age 4 through 1st Grade may now be dismissed for Children's Church)

Meditation

Packing for the Future

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer of the People

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The 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.**

***Response to
Time of Prayer***

Choral Amen

Kurt Kaiser
Eva Morse, Vocalist

**SHARING OF OUR GIFTS
AND GOD'S GIFTS**

A Call to Give

As we look for our still-speaking God in one another's eyes,
let us search for others whose story has not been told.
We give our gifts looking into those eyes for God's works to be revealed.

***Offertory
Gift of Music***

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty (Verses 1 & 2)
Eva Morse, Vocalist

***Doxology** (unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

**Covenanting God, who sees more than we see,
help us to look into the eyes of those we serve
so that we may see how lovely they are.
Help us to know your grace and beauty
revealed in the eyes that see through these gifts.
In Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

***Closing Hymn** (unison)

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty (Verses 3 & 4)

***Closing Words of Worship** (responsively)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate you from the love of God. Go, therefore, living as those who have been redeemed by Christ's love, reconciled to God and empowered by the Spirit to love others as Christ first loved us.

Amen.

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Postlude

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