

**Welcome and Announcements**

ADORATION OF GOD

**Call to Worship (Pastor)**

*Psalm 95:1-3*

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Prayer of Adoration (Pastor)**

**The Lord’s Prayer (Congregation)**

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.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**\*Confession of Faith**

*(from the Belgic Confession, Article 1)*

We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God – eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

**Scripture Reading (Pastor)**

*Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

“Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in our house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

**Confession of Sin (Congregation)**

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned, and done this evil in Your sight –that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Forgive us, we pray, in Jesus’ name. Amen *(from Psalm 51)*

**Assurance of God’s Pardoning Grace (Pastor)**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
*(Psalm 51:17)*

**Baptism—8:30 a.m.**

*Thompson Jeanette Cate*

**Prayer of Intercession (Pastor)**

PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH

**Scripture Reading (Pastor)**

*Ephesians 3:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**Prayer of Illumination (Pastor)**

**Sermon**

Rev. Sean McCann  
*Senior Pastor*

“The Mystery Revealed”  
*(Ephesians: Grace to Glory, 14)*

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

**\*Hymn of Response**

*How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place  
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
 3. “Why was I made to hear your voice,  
 4. ’Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing  
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with  
 and en - ter while there’s room, when thou - sands make a  
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.  
 thank - ful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?  
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?”  
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,  
 constrain the earth to come;  
 send your victorious Word abroad,  
 and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,  
 that all the chosen race  
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
 sing your redeeming grace.

**\*Benediction (Pastor)**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*\*Congregation Standing*

## Sermon Notes

**Baptism:** Today we have the joy of celebrating a baptism during our worship service. Thompson Jeanette Cate—daughter of David and Hannah Cate—will receive the covenant sign of baptism at our 8:30 a.m. outdoor worship service.

**Worship Modifications:** As we rejoice to gather again, you will notice how our worship has been modified in some significant ways. All of these modifications are temporary, however we do not know how long they will need to be in place. We are having two services in order to reduce the number of our gathering, and we are meeting outside and requiring masks for our inside service to reduce the potential for the spread of COVID-19. To prevent sharing potentially contaminated surfaces, we are not using pew Bibles or hymnals, nor are we passing offering plates or communion trays. The worship service itself will be shorter, and for now will not involve singing inside. Despite all of these changes, we will still have the Biblical elements of worship and we trust that our worship will be pleasing to God, who is the sole object of our worship. One of the strengths of Biblical worship is that it is transferable to any time and place: we do not need pews, lights, instruments, etc., we just need God's word accompanied by God's Spirit, and He will work in powerful ways. As we move forward and learn more about the virus and about our capabilities as a congregation to host safe worship services, we look forward to the gradual lessening of these modifications. But for now, even though worship may not "feel" like worship, we still have the joyous privilege to participate through the Spirit in the Son's unending communion with the Father!

**Nursery Closed:** During these modified worship services we are not yet prepared to reopen our nursery, but as always, we welcome children of all ages to join in the worship service. The noises of children in church are music to our ears as they are wonderful reminders of God's covenant faithfulness and the blessing that children are to our church family. We have some designated rooms available for use if you need to step out with a child during worship.

**Adult and Youth Sunday School:** During this season of reduced gatherings, we have moved our adult Sunday school class online. For the next two months our pastors will be teaching the adults through Romans 8 and the youth through the Sermon on the Mount in short, weekly video installments. We will send out links to these videos every week, or you can find them at our church YouTube channel (ask the church office to send you the links).

**Watering Seeds Podcast:** Another ministry our pastors have started during the coronavirus has been a podcast. "Watering Seeds" is a weekly podcast conversation that reviews and reapplies the previous Sunday's sermon to our hearts and minds (i.e. Watering the seeds of the word that were planted on Sunday, 1 Cor 3:6-7). You can find the podcast on various hosts like Anchor, Spotify, or Apple Podcast, or find the link on our website under the "Sermons" tab.



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# THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 2, 2020

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*If you have a prayer request, please speak to a pastor or elder, call the church office at 828-253-6578, or e-mail [ceb392@mac.com](mailto:ceb392@mac.com) and it will be added to our church prayer list and remembered during our Prayer of Intercession.*

**Senior Pastor:** Sean McCann  
**Assistant Pastor:** Chris Brown  
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**Elders:** Mike Cate, Charley Markhoff, Gordon Meiners, Tom Voigt, Tim Wallace

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