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Psalm 100
June 6, 2021



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- **Prelude**

Darrell Fryman

- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **Welcome**

Pastor Mel Musser

- * **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of joy and sorrow,

C: We come into your house with the noise and cares of the world bearing down on us. We expect you fix it or to make it go away. Instead, you offer space for us to repent, refresh, and restore. Forgive us our short-sightedness. Forgive us our selfishness. For us our impatience. Show us how to enter your house with gratitude and praise.

L: Our God receives our pleas with open ears and a forgiving heart. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, and be washed with the cleansing sound of God's grace. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** **“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”** **LBW 245**
(Verses 1-3 Only)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

* **KYRIE**

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... God of joy and thanksgiving, You invite us into your house to make a joyful noise. Teach us to cultivate gratitude so we might be best able to discern the voices and noises you need for us to hear.

C: Amen.

• CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Theme: Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Scripture: Psalm 100

Object: Kazoos

Ask the children to tell you what people would do if the president of the United States walked into the room. First, they usually play a song called Hail to the Chief. During that song everyone stands up and the president greets people and eventually finds his place at the table or to his chair. While that song plays the standing people usually clap their hands and some might even cheer. It would be impolite or rude to boo the president even if you don't like him. Now I want you to look at the doorway in the back of the Sanctuary. Imagine the president is coming into this place right now. We're going to try to play Hail to the Chief on our Kazoos... Ready? Go! Da Da dada da dada dada...

(After everyone attempting to play Hail to the Chief, collect all the Kazoos...)

Do you need to sing in perfect harmony when we worship. No! Do we need to pray with fancy words. No! Do we need to understand every word of the Scripture lesson. No! The Bible says we are to make a "joyful noise," and to praise God with all the excitement and happiness we can muster up... Wouldn't it be nice if we made such a loud and joyful noise that people all over town will know we came here to worship! By our joy and thankfulness they would know that God is with us, and he is faithful and loving to everyone. So let's worship God now by clapping, cheering and — making a joyful noise!

Let's Pray... Dear God, Heavenly Father, we thank you for being our God and for calling us to be your people. We praise you for being such a great God and for loving us forever. We worship you with gladness and we are joyful in your presence. Amen.

- **SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100**

P: Our scripture reading for this day is Psalm 100.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. ²Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. ⁵For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)

- **SERMON**

Pastor Mel Musser

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I have to admit this week I wasn't myself. I started getting sick on Sunday last week and got worse every day. I finally gave up and went to the Wright Patterson Base hospital on Friday. We normally go to what I always call the main gate. It's the one on Broad Street in Fairborn, but since it was after hours that gate was closed. So, we had to turn around and drive across town to the gate off of Route 444 by the AFMC Headquarters building. I guess that's the real "Main Gate". I always like going through the Gates at the Base. Even though I'm retired the guards still salute me when they see my retired rank. On Friday, PJ was driving and when she held up our ID Cards for the Security Forces sergeant to

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verify who we were, she must have covered up the front of my ID with hers. The Gate Guard asked her to move my ID so he could see my rank, then he snapped me a sharp salute and wished us a good evening. It brought me back to my Active Duty days and made me feel important once again as he professionally welcomed us onto the Base.

Back in ancient times it wasn't just military bases that had fences, walls, and gates. Every town and city was protected by them. When an important person such as the king arrived, the people would rush out to the gate to meet him. The city gates became the place where merchants set up their stores and most business in ancient times happened near the gates of the city. For travelers, the sight of their city's gate must have filled them with great joy. It signified homecoming and the place of safety. The people were happy when they passed through the gate because they knew they were home.

Jerusalem had gates too. There were several gates in the walls that surrounded the city, but there were also gates in the walls that marked off the different areas of the Temple Mount. There was a Wall that separated the entire Temple from the rest of the city. Then, inside of that wall a gate led to an inner courtyard where all people, Jews and Gentiles, men and women could mingle.

This is where the sacrificial animals were bought and sold. Inside that area there

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was another wall with a gate that led into the inner courtyard. In this area no women or Gentiles were allowed. Only Jewish men. Inside that was another wall, gate and courtyard where the altar was set up and the priests were the only ones allowed in there. The final wall and gate enclosed the Holy of Holies. Only the High Priest could go inside that area, and it was also separated by a large curtain. They believed the literal presence of God resided behind that curtain in the Holy of Holies.

So, in ancient Hebrew worship, you had to enter several gates in order to be closer to the presence of God and only the High Priest was allowed in the actual presence of the Lord. It was thought that if you looked upon the presence of God you would die. So, the High Priest was tethered to a rope in case He accidentally raised his eyes and stole a glance at the Almighty. It must have been a very awesome and fearful thing to go behind that curtain. So, as the worship liturgy developed around the Temple in Jerusalem, it's no wonder they would begin by singing a Psalm like Psalm 100. This Psalm set the tone for the worship service to follow. It's not a bad song or poem to start any encounter with God.

Because of Psalm 100 our regular, pre-Covid Lutheran Worship service always has what we call the Gathering Song. When the Worship folks pick a song for gathering, we look for a song that is uplifting, but also gives God our thanks

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and praise. On Communion Sundays we add another song we call the Song of Praise. It's not a coincidence or happenstance that we do things in this way. When we do, we're following a very ancient way to worship God that dates back to the First Temple built by King Solomon some 950 years before Jesus was born. We're following in a long line of saints who have followed the same pattern of worship for a very long time. That's why I want us to get back to our regular pattern of worship as soon as we possibly can.

In Psalm 100 we're told to make a joyful noise to the Lord upon entering the Gates of His presence. The trouble with this instruction is that we have to balance it with the needs of other people who come into the presence of the Lord and need to meditate or find their center before worship begins. They would like to keep the time before worship as sacred and silent so they can hear God's still small voice. It's a hard balance to strike. I look at it like this. We have a plaque in our Kitchen that reads, "Our House is clean enough to be healthy and dirty enough to be happy!" The time before worship, as we're entering into the presence of God, should be quite enough to be holy and rowdy enough to be joyful. If our chatter at the beginning of worship is catching up with our friends and finding out about their recent surgery or how their son's job search is going so that you are better able to pray for and assist them, then the noise your making is joyful to the Lord. On the

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other hand, if the conversation is about so and so who just left her husband or the terrible way that one treats his spouse or any of the other latest and juiciest gossip that happens along, then maybe were just making too much noise and the joy isn't in it... My suggestion is to just try your best to keep the focus of your mind and heart on God and let these ancient ways and ancient words wash over you and refresh your soul and your entire being. I don't know about anyone else, but for me, the more I try to focus on God and praising God just for being our God and not for any of the blessings God bestows, the less and less the outside noise bothers me. It's like I've switched from being an omnidirectional microphone that picks up all the surrounding sounds to a directional mic, like the new one we're testing out today. This thing is supposed to filter out most of the side sounds and concentrates on the sounds coming from the direction it's pointed toward. We're hoping it improves the quality of the audio for our Facebook live viewers. If you're watching today, please let our digital greeter know how this new mic sounds...

When we come into the presence of the Lord we should try to be like our new directional microphone turning all our attention to God and filtering out all the side noise. If we can do that, it won't matter if people are talking in the back or even if they're laughing and making raucous jovial noises, you won't notice it

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because you're focused on something much bigger, something much more awe inspiring, the very presence of God.

Thankfully, we don't have walls around our parking lot. In fact, we try to make this place as welcoming as we can. Even though there's no gate guard posted to render a salute when you come through our doors, we do try to have greeters every week, so you are welcomed and know we're happy you are with us. Our digital greeter works a little differently than our in-person greeter. If you are worshipping online we only know you're there if you make a comment, so please say hello when you log in. Also, if you have any prayer concerns, please let the digital greeter know and we'll try to include them in the prayers of the church each week.

We also know that the souls in heaven rejoice when you join in worshipping God. It's a happy occasion, let's act like it! May we never lose our joy in coming into the presence of God. May we always balance our joyfulness with our respect for the Holiness of God's presence. May God's love always remain steadfast and enduring, always giving us joy and hope for a better tomorrow. Amen.

Silence may be kept for meditation...

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• **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Trinity Kids

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

A brief silence.

L: Accept the songs of our hearts, O God—robust or silent, harmonious or off-key—assuring us that what is offered with joy is always received with affection.
Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: The earth cannot help but worship its Maker, and neither can we! It's in the fabric of who you have made us to be. Keep us connected and at one with all you have made, and with all peoples who are created in your image.
Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We enter the season of refreshment and recreation with grateful hearts. Return us to a sense of awe at this vast planet, that we might enjoy your blessings and use our energies to renew ourselves and others who need a rest.
Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, we know that we can trust your faithfulness, especially when we find ourselves most in need. Refresh us and all those we name before you with your healing touch, especially... .. Make us whole again. Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

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L: Your love endures forever, O God—even beyond the bounds of the grave. Give us strength to follow where our ancestors in faith have walked, knowing that the crown of life awaited them. Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

P: Your hands are sure and strong, and you hold all the prayers we offer in your loving embrace. Embolden us to be the answer that you seek to bring about in the world. In the name of Jesus we pray.

C: Amen.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

While the congregation is still standing say:

P: Instead of passing the offering plate, we ask you to please place your offering in the Offering Plates conveniently located on your way out of worship. For those worshipping with us from their vehicles, there is an offering basket located near the back door of the church and for those worshipping online if you go to www.pitsburgtlc.org you can make your offering online.

P: So, let's pray for the offerings we receive this day.... We come into your house with gratitude and humility. We offer what little we have so that others may have enough. Receive these gifts, and use them to bring joyful noise into the world.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*** DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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*** THE SANCTUS**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

P: Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We are united together by this heavenly food, which is the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. So, let us pray as Jesus taught...

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: We are all offered a seat at God's table. We are welcomed into God's house—a house of joyful noise, thankfulness, and praise. Come to the feast of God's goodness. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution the minister says these words to each communicant:

P: At this time you may open the communion bread and partake of the body of Christ, given for you.

Now please open the wine and you may now partake of the Blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us.

C: Amen.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* SENDING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living"

LBW 557



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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* **DISMISSAL**

P: Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

C: **Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

* **POSTLUDE**

Darrell Fryman

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Health Tips for the Week

BODY: Take an exercise class

MIND: Read to someone

SPIRIT: Make only positive comments



Scripture readings for next Sunday, June 13th
Psalm 13

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Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

This Week @ Trinity – June 6 thru June 13, 2021

Sun, June 6

10:30 am Worship Service

Wed, June 9

6:30 pm Christian Education Team Meeting

6:30 pm Confirmation

Fri, June 11

9:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting

3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry

Sun, June 13

10:30 am Worship Service

SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School – July 13 & 15 from 6:15 – 8:30 pm (Register on line at www.pitsburgtlc.org/summer-2021-vbs)

VBS Leading Worship and Church Picnic – July 18, 2021 (The picnic will be carry in with Burgers and Brats grilled in the Church parking lot.)

Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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