

## The Prayers of the People

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## 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.**

\***Hymn 475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## \*Benediction

\***Benediction Hymn No. 312** "Take Us As We Are, O God" (verse 4)  
"Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least, until at length you call us all to your unending feast."

Postlude "Let Us With A Gladsome Mind" arr. Powell

\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* Please stand as you are able. \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bev Donofrio & Bobbi Wilkins
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*Thank you for Worshiping with us today!*



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10 AM Worship Service ❖ August 27, 2023  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje

## For Prayer & Contemplation

“You can’t dump one cup of sugar into the ocean and expect to get syrup. If everybody sweetened her own cup of water, then things would begin to change.” - *Florynce Kennedy*

## Welcome & Sharing Information

**Prelude:** "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" *arr. Southbridge*

## Call to Worship

One: I appeal to you, siblings, let us come before God,

**All: to present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.**

One: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds

**All: so that we may discern the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

One: Let us worship God, who is faithful and just.

\***Hymn No. 336** "We Gather Together"

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

## Moment of Silence

**Words of Assurance** (*Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17*)

One: Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\***Hymn No. 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

**"Glory be 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."**

## \*Passing of Peace

One: Having been forgiven of our missteps, let us extend God’s grace to one another: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

**Special Music** "Fairest Lord Jesus" - arr. Larson  
Ed Mitchell, piano solo

**Time with Children** (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults: God be with you there.**

**Children: God be with you here.**

## Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Psalm 124: 1-8*

**Old Testament** pg. 572, **LP** pg. 703

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Matthew 16: 13-20*

**New Testament** pg. 18 **LP** pg. 22

**Sermon** "Carded" - *Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje*

**Affirmation of Faith** (*First Question of the Heidelberg Catechism*)

One: What is thy only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.**

## Invitation to Offering

\***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God...All Blessings Flow" "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."

\***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O God, your loving kindness is better than life, and we are grateful for the blessings with which you shower our lives. We return a portion of our gifts to you, trusting that your Holy Spirit will multiply our tithes for use within and beyond the walls of our church home. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.