



The 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Ode to Joy

Gathering—The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the whole world and us, too. People of Zion, we come before God the Creator, the Glorious One, this day, with gates open and doors flung wide to welcome God’s presence in this place—in this holy sanctuary, in our homes, wherever it is we gather this day for worship. God is here. Let us praise our God.

Gathering Song

He Has Made Me Glad, 2x, 657

A Time of Prayer—God, we thank you for the gift of your presence in our lives. We pray that through this time of worship we might bring praise that glorifies you. We pray, too, that our worship this day might break open the doors of our hearts that we might be filled with your power and your presence. With joy and thanksgiving we worship you this day.

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.

Exploring God’s Word for All Ages

Praise Break

We Hear God’s Word—*Psalm 24 (CEB)*

Debi Hamblet

A psalm of David.

24 The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it,
the world and its inhabitants too.

² Because God is the one who established it on the seas;

God set it firmly on the waters.

³ Who can ascend the LORD’s mountain?
Who can stand in his holy sanctuary?

⁴ Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart;

the one who hasn’t made false promises,

the one who hasn’t sworn dishonestly.

⁵ That kind of person receives blessings

from the LORD
and righteousness from the God who
saves.

⁶ And that's how things are
with the generation that seeks him—
that seeks the face of Jacob's
God. *Selah*

⁷ Mighty gates: lift up your heads!
Ancient doors: rise up high!
So the glorious king can enter!

⁸ Who is this glorious king?
The LORD—strong and powerful!

The LORD—powerful in battle!

⁹ Mighty gates: lift up your heads!
Ancient doors: rise up high!

So the glorious king can enter!

¹⁰ Who is this glorious king?

The LORD of heavenly forces—
he is the glorious king! *Selah*

Meditation

Selah

Hymn

This Is My Father's World, 21

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—Our strong and powerful God gives us reason to bring our thanks and praise. In response to the abundance of God's love and care, let us bring our gifts and our sacrifices to God as we offer up our resources and our lives.

October Benevolence—Global Ministries

Special Offering—Neighbors in Need

Doxology

We Give Thanks—Holy God, always, you are faithful. Always, you are forgiving. Always, your steadfast love endures. How can we say thank you enough? All the earth and everything in it is yours. We praise your name and dedicate to you these gifts as a sign of our thanksgiving. Use these offerings and tithes, O wondrous God, that your love may be made tangible and your healing known. Amen.

Hymn

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, 80

Benediction—The earth is the Lord's and all that it is in it—this world and its inhabitants, you, me, all of us. As you leave this holy time, go forth praising God's name. Praising always. Selah. Praise. Selah. Praise. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on a 17th Century Church Tune