



El Divino Salvador Presbyterian Church

2238 Belton Street, Corpus Christi, TX

Pastor, Rev Kathy Anderson

September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev Kathy Anderson

Prelude

* Call to Worship

If you are weak and in need of strength,
if you are feeling fragile, or vulnerable,
know that you are welcome here,
know that Christ beckons you here,
know that you are loved here.

**We come to worship like children, ready to rest in God's arms.
Come let us worship God with song and praise.**

* Prayer of the Day

Unison

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* Hymn *"To God Be the Glory"* (GTG #634)

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

Call to Confession (Mark 9:35) Rev. Kathy Anderson
Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins as individuals and as a community.

Prayer of Confession **Unison**
Holy God, we commit ourselves to service, but fail to have a servant's heart. We seek social status, not sacrifice. We welcome worldly success, not the humble path of Christ. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from the pressures of the world that keep us jockeying for position. Help us be servants of all. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Book of Common Worship) Rev. Kathy Anderson
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (GTG #12)
Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

* Prayer for Illumination

Maggie Sandoval-Flores

With a reverent sense of your presence and your Spirit's gift of guidance,
we gratefully approach your word today, Holy God. Help us meditate on the
message you intend for us and be open to your life-giving truth. Amen.

* Scripture Readings

Numbers 21:4b–9

Angel Cano

Psalms: 78:1–2, 34–38

Lita Alvarado

1 Corinthians 1:18–24

Rev. Kathy Anderson

Sermon

"Faithful Wisdom"

Rev. Kathy Anderson

* Affirmation of Faith

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Unison

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Call to Offering

Maggie Sandoval-Flores

With glad and generous hearts, let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given. Let us present our tithes and offering to our God with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts.

*Please remember your financial support to your church.
Deposit your offering with the deacons as you leave worship this morning.
Or continue to mail in your offering and pledges to:
El Divino Salvador PC, P.O. Box 7671, Corpus Christi, TX 78467*

Prayer of Dedication

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Holy God, we gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to the power of Christ's ministry. May these gifts bear the Good News of the gospel to the least and the last. May these gifts be signs of our welcome to the most vulnerable among us. Bless our offerings so they might provide healing and hope. Amen.

* Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev Kathy Anderson

* Charge and Benediction

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* Closing Hymn *"May You Run and Not Be Weary"* (STF #2281)

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home. **(sing twice)**

(Hymn Books: GTG – Glory To God; STF – Sing The Faith)

Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook

*Elder of the Month – Maggie Sandoval-Flores
Deacon of the Month – Hannah De La Cerda*

Announcements

- Sunday, September 19, at 3:00 p.m. – Introduction to the PW Horizons 2021-2022 Bible Study, *"What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus"*. Pastor Kathy will lead the study and we will meet via Zoom. *Use the Sunday morning worship link for the study.*
- Monday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. – Session meeting via Zoom. Contact the clerk of session, Andy Anzaldúa, if there is anything you'd like to address to the session.