

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2008

10:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

THE REV. JOHN DAVID HEECKT

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

In consideration of those preparing for worship, please refrain from distracting conversations upon entering the Meetinghouse.

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The Church Bell Calls Us To Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: (*The Second Song of Isaiah: Isaiah 55:6-11*)

One: Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.

All: Let the wicked forsake their ways and the evil ones their thoughts.

One: And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

All: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, not my ways your ways, says the Lord.

One: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

All: For as rain and snow fall from the heavens, and return not again, but water the earth,

One: Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating,

All: So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty;

One: But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which I sent it.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

*Hymn: O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

PH 6

*Unison Prayer:

Almighty God; to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer (*using "sins"*)

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to 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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Romans 8:1-11 N.T. Pg. 157/L.P. Pg. 191

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:1-8 O.T. Pg. 566/L.P. Pg. 696

Second Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 N.T. Pg. 13/L.P. Pg. 16

Time With the Children

*Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies (*vs. 1-4*) PH 35

Sermon

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn: Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove NCH 281

Offering

Offertory: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies C. Wesley/
John David Heeckt, Baritone

PH 515

Doxology:

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God: Through the gift of your Son you have given us freedom from sin and the opportunity for a more abundant life in him. Receive now our gifts, we pray, and put them to your use, both in this congregation and beyond, for the support of your church, and to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

(*Those who are able, please stand.)

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn:

Now Thank We All Our God

PH 29

Benediction

Postlude

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