

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 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: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

PH 20

*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 8:31-39 N.T. Pg. 158/L.P. Pg. 192

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:17-24 O.T. Pg. 566/L.P. Pg. 696

Second Reading: Matthew 14:13-21 N.T. Pg. 16/L.P. Pg. 19

*Hymn: *Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing* NCH 303

Sermon

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn: *Break Now the Bread of Life* NCH 321

Offering

Offertory:

Doxology: PH 515

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.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Table is open to all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people. Deacons ask parents to reflect on communion and its meaning with their children.

The Confession

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us stand together and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All:** Most merciful God; we confess that we are in bondage to sin, and cannot free ourselves. 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 hearts, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways. Amen.

***One:** Almighty God has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. May the peace of God be always with you.

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

The Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* NCH 43

Benediction

Postlude

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