

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2009

10:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

THE REV. JOHN DAVID HEECKT

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

Relying on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us, we worship God, and witness to Jesus Christ with loving service and commitment to justice and peace.

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The Church Bell Calls Us To Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*The First Song of Isaiah: Isaiah 12:2-6*)

One: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

All: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

One: Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

All: And on that day you shall say: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

One: Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.

All: Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

One: Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, sing out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*Hymn: *Blessed Assurance* NCH 473

*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: Second Samuel 11:26-12:13

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

*Hymn *God's Eye is on the Sparrow* NCH 475

Sermon Videen McGaughey Bennett

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* NCH 449

Offering

Offertory: *Day by Day* J. Foreman

Lori-Ann and Taylor-Ann Stroili, Guitars

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

(*Those who are able, please stand.)

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:** *Let Us Break Bread Together* NCH 330

Benediction

Postlude

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