

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

AUGUST 23, 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: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing NCH 459

\*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: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32

Third Reading: John 6:58-69

\*Hymn *In the Garden* NCH 237

Sermon

\*Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised PH 218

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

Offering

Offertory: *My Life Flows On In Endless Song* R. Lowry

Sara Vokes, Soprano

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.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

(\*Those who are able, please stand.)

GOING OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn:  
Benediction  
Postlude

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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