



12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music:

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude:

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us new hearts and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

L: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C: Blessed be God forever.

Gathering Song: God, We Gather as Your People ACS #1038

1. God, we gather as your people to raise our song above, a
And we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,
When your children will be free.

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ry one inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

2. Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
And we sing for generations yet to be,
That they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in your love, find rest.

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ry one inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
So afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;
May their faith in you renew. (refrain)

4. God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
Can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand,
As against all hate we stand. (refrain)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: O Spirit All-Embracing

ACS #944

1. O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise,
unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:
Unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward;
surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.
Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death;
Come, wind of springtime blowing, and warm us by your breath.
2. O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,
You show yourself amazing in unexpected place.
We see you and remember what once our dreams had been;
You fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.
Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;
Undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.
3. Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,
And give your servants lowly and understanding heart
To know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,
To seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:

For vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight;
In prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

L: Let us all pray... **C: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Romans 12:1-8

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

C: before the gods I will sing your praise.

L: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

C: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

L: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

C: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

L: The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

C: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

L: You will make good your purpose for me;

C: O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

ELW #684

1. Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
Let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.
2. Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
Let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.
3. Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
Let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.
4. Indwelling God, your gospel claims one fam'ly with a billion names;
Let ev'ry life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

ELW p. 227

Baptized today is Dederia (Dee) Wood

Prayers of the People (petitions end... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. One of the ways we do this is providing support for special needs at Giant Springs and Sunnyside Elementary Schools. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be.)

Offertory Music:

Offering Response: As Saints of Old (v. 3 only)

ELW #695

3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves away until life's work is done.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW # 469

1. By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.

For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:

REFRAIN: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life out-poured,
Given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

2. In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.

Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. (refrain)

3. Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.

In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW #650

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
All Christ-ly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Accompanist: James Rickley

ANNOUNCEMENTS for week of August 20

- New Hope Church Council meets at 7pm on Tuesday, Aug. 22 in the Fireside Room.
- Helping Hands board meeting is Thursday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 pm at First English.

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