

June 18, 2023
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Ps. 112:1

Happy are those who delight in God's word.
Thanks be to God.

PRELUDE "18 Studies for the Clarinet #1" Jeanjean

INVITATION TO OFFERING 2 Cor. 9:7

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. *Ps. 118:1*
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed; *Mark 4:31-32*
it grows into a great plant with many branches.
The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. *Matt. 9:37-38*
Lord, send us out into your harvest.
Let us worship God!

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

SERMON "The Laughter of Sarah" Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

+HYMN: GTG #51 "To Abraham and Sarah" LLANFYLLIN

+BLESSING *Rev. 22:20-21*

Jesus says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
The grace of the Lord Jesus
be with all the saints.
Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

4. What does God's law require of us?
Christ teaches us this in summary:
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.

+CHARGE *Rom. 12:10-11, 18*

Love one another; serve the Lord;
live peaceably with all.
Thanks be to God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Col. 2:12

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 O.T. page 11

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748 TALLIS' CANON

"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE "Aria" Bozza

God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

PSALM Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. *1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24*
Thanks be to God! Amen.

**How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?**

I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.**

Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.

**O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

HYMN: GTG #688 MORECAMBE

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5:1-8 N.T. page 118

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 N.T. page 7

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#39. Timothy:

Paul meets Timothy, a strong believer, son of a Greek and a Jew. Paul, Silas, and Timothy strengthen the churches throughout Asia Minor. (Acts 16:1-11) (c. AD 50)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 79. Who may receive the Lord's Supper?

All baptized Christians who rejoice in so great a gift, who confess their sins, and who draw near with faith intending to lead a new life, may receive the Lord's Supper. This includes baptized children who have expressed a desire to participate, and who have been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament in a way they can understand.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday Lunch Packing for Advent House 10:30 am
Prayer Fellowship 12:00 pm
Thursday Personnel Committee 5:30 pm
Friday Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath

BIRTHDAYS

John Meinke June 18
Kathy Cornwell June 21
Jamie Robinson June 22
Marjorie Welch June 24

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by Jan Polack, c. 1500

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*