

August 13, 2023
11th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Impromptu, Op. 90 No. 3" Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Ps. 34:8

Happy are those who trust in God.

Let us hear what the Lord will speak. Ps. 85:8

God will speak peace to the faithful.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #462** "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

CALL TO CONFESSION Rom. 3:23-24

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For failing to love others as you have loved us . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us

and ignoring those in need . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 2 Cor. 5:17

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #175 "Seek Ye First" LAFFERTY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING Ps. 24:1

OFFERTORY Schumann

"Träumerei (Dreaming)" from Kinderszenen, Op. 15

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

(Germany, 1563)

32. But why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 O.T. page 26

PSALM Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;

make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

**Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.**

Remember the marvels God has done,

the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,

O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Then God called for a famine in the land

and destroyed the supply of bread.

The LORD sent a man before them,

Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters;

his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass,

the word of the LORD tested him.

The king sent and released him;

the ruler of the peoples set him free,

setting him as a master over his household,

as a ruler over all his possessions,

to instruct his princes according to his will

and to teach his elders wisdom.

Hallelujah!

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple)

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 10:5-15 N.T. page 122

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:22-33 N.T. page 12

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Deut. 6:6

Keep these words in your heart.

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

We praise you, O Lord.

SERMON "The Sin of Favoritism" Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

+**HYMN: GTG #8** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

+**BLESSING** Ps. 121:8

The Lord bless and keep you

in your going out

and your coming in

from this time on

and forevermore.

Amen!

+**CHARGE** 2 Pet. 3:18

Grow in the grace and knowledge

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory

both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Thanks be to God!

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748** TALLIS' CANON

"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE "En avril, à Paris" Trenet, arr. Weissenberg

**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.

SERVING US TODAY

Guest Pianist: Yi-Hui Chen

Liturgist: Bruce Archer

Greeters: Vicki Drown and Sally Hughes

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by

Sandy and John Diehl

in memory of

Ray Elton

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#47. *Apollos*:

Apollos, a Jewish Christian from Egypt, builds up the churches in Ephesus and Corinth. Priscilla and Aquila help him understand baptism.

(Acts 18:24—19:7) (c. AD 52-53)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 87. What do you affirm when you speak of “the life everlasting”?

That God does not will to be God without us, but instead grants to us creatures — fallen and mortal as we are — eternal life. Communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Potluck Dinner	11:15 am
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Jasmine Leffew	Aug. 13
Ralph Taggart	Aug. 13
Julie Dart	Aug. 17
Sharon Ambrose	Aug. 18

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Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water
by François Boucher, 1766

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