

August 27, 2023
13th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Sonata in F Major, 1st Mvmt." Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE Monte Shuck

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

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

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, Ps. 103:8

slow to anger and abounding in love.

Jesus has the words of eternal life; John 6:68-69

he is the Holy One of God.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Col. 2:12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24

... in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Ps. 24:1

OFFERTORY

"Beautiful"

L. Johnson

+RESPONSE: GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

(Germany, 1563)

35. What does it mean that Jesus "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary"?

That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David's true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

36. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

He is our mediator and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10

O.T. page 38

PSALM

Psalm 124

If the LORD had not been on our side,

let Israel now say;

if the LORD had not been on our side,

when enemies rose up against us,

then would they have swallowed us up alive

in their fierce anger toward us;

then would the waters have overwhelmed us

and the torrent gone over us;

then would the raging waters

have gone right over us.

Blessed be the LORD

who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

N.T. page 14

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Ps. 112:1

Happy are those who delight in God's word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Your Reasonable Act of Worship"

Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #269

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LANCASHIRE

+BLESSING

Eph. 4:4-6

The blessing of the one God—

Spirit, Son, and Father—

be with you now and always.

Amen!

+CHARGE

1 Cor. 16:13-14; 1 Thess. 5:14

Brothers and sisters,

keep alert and stand firm in the faith.

Be courageous and strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.

Strengthen the faint of heart,

support those who are weak,

and have patience with everyone.

And now, go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748

TALLIS' CANON

"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE

"Adagio Op. 57, No. 2"

Rinck

**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 Organist: Laura Johnson

Liturgist: Monte Shuck

Greeters: Mary Garland Jackson and Will Ozee

Sound: Timothy Pinches

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by

Lucinda Davenport

in memory of Jean Ellis,

Gordon Davenport, Sr.,

and Gordon Davenport, Jr.

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#49. 1 Corinthians:

While in Ephesus, in response to issues that have developed in the church in Corinth, Paul writes a letter (which we call “1 Corinthians”) to that church. (c. AD 54)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 89. What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments give a summary of God’s law for our lives. They teach us how to live rightly with God and one another.

Question 90. Why did God give this law?

After rescuing the people of Israel from their slavery in Egypt, God led them to Mount Sinai, where they received the law through Moses. It was the great charter of liberty for Israel, a people chosen to live in covenant with God and to serve as a light to the nations. It remains the charter of liberty for all who would love, know and serve the Lord today.

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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
Friday Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday Yarners 10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Simons Aug. 27
Donna Hujsak Aug. 28

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The Finding of Moses
by Lawrence Alma-Tadema, 1904

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