

August 4, 2024
11th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Waltzes from op. 9" Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES Eph. 4:2, 4-6

Come, let us worship our God,
for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #634 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us to live lives
worthy of the calling
to which we have been called. Eph. 4:1
But we confess to you and each other
that we have not always spoken the truth in love; Eph. 4:15
we have not always made every effort
to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3
Forgive us and, by your grace,
help us to grow in every way
into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen. Eph. 4:15

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... That is a promise of joy and of peace. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN: GTG #318 "In Christ There Is No East or West" ST. PETER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Allemande in b" Bach

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

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ Those who are able may stand. 1 GTG = Glory to God (purple)

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 O.T. page 48
Manna in the wilderness

PSALM Psalm 78:23-29 O.T. page 415
Manna rains down

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:1-16 N.T. page 149
Maintain the unity of the faith

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:24-35 N.T. page 75
Christ, the bread of life

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Bread from Heaven" Rev. Bill Pinches

HYMN: GTG #533 "In the Singing" BREAD OF PEACE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
...
... who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
...
... we proclaim together the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Partake of the bread when it comes to you, mindful of your
communion with Christ. Hold the cup and we will all drink
together, mindful of our communion with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Savior, we give you thanks
that you have prepared this feast for us—
the rich feast of our redemption.
By the nourishment of this holy meal,
make us more ready for the day
when you will wipe away all tears
and swallow up death forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+**HYMN:** GTG #516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" KINGDOM

+**CHARGE**
... go in peace and be bread for the life of the world. **Amen.**

+**BLESSING**
... providing for you today and forever. **Alleluia!**

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** GTG #748 TALLIS' CANON
"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE "Passacaglia" Handel

**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

Liturgist: Brandon Leffew
Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Communion Servers: Donna Archer, Travis Archer,
Ron Dlouhy, Jane Hamelink
Next Week's Greeters: Max Harman and Isaac Reyes
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Dan Baker

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#96. *Gospel of John*: The Gospel according to John was probably written between AD 80-110. Not just a narrative, and very different from the other Gospels, the book is rich and deep.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 20. Was the image of God lost when we turned from God by falling into sin?

Yes and no. Sin means that all our relations with others have become distorted and confused. Although we did not cease to be with God, our fellow human beings, and other creatures, we did cease to be for them; and although we did not lose our distinctive human capacities completely, we did lose the ability to use them rightly, especially in relation to God. Having ruined our connection with God by disobeying God's will, we are persons with hearts curved in upon ourselves. We have become slaves to the sin of which we are guilty, helpless to save ourselves, and are free, so far as freedom remains, only within the bounds of sin.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sandy Leutscher Aug. 5

**Today's flowers are given by Barb VanDyke
in memory of Steve VanDyke**

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The Israelites Gathering Manna
by Ercole de' Roberti, c. 1490

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