

August 11, 2024
12th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Prelude, Op. 28" Chopin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

I will bless the Lord at all times; Ps. 34:1, 3
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #15 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not lived as your
faithful children.
We have been angry with the world Eph. 4:26-32
and nursed grudges against our adversaries.
We have hoarded the fruits of our labors
rather than share our bounty with the needy.
We have not built up our neighbors with
words of kindness
but have indulged in evil gossip.
We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done,
even though we desire your forgiveness toward us
in Jesus Christ.
Heal us, O God,
and give us the grace to love
as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen. Eph. 5:2

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Debi and Mike Buchman
Tessa Edmondson
Barbara Georgescu
Isaac Reyes

... There is one body and one Spirit, Eph. 4:4-6
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
...

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Take My Heart" L. Johnson

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 19:4-8 O.T. page 255
Elijah given bread for his journey

PSALM Psalm 34:1-8 O.T. page 393
Taste and see

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:25-5:2 N.T. page 150
Put away evil, live in love

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:35, 41-51 N.T. page 75
Christ, the bread of life

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

The word of God. **We praise you, O Lord.**

HYMN: GTG #698 "Take, O Take Me as I Am" TAKE ME AS I AM
(sing three times)

SERMON "Taste and See that the Lord Is Good" Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

+CHARGE

... Go forth to share this gift with others.
We go in Jesus' name. Amen.

+BLESSING

... that you may receive eternal life. **Alleluia!**

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

POSTLUDE "Canzon Quinta, Op. 8" Fasolo

*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 Musician: Laura Johnson
Liturgist: Camille Subject
Greeters: Max Harman and Isaac Reyes
Next Week's Greeters: Melissa Baker and Sally Hughes
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by
Lloyd Fett
in memory of Anne Fett
and in honor of
the Fett and Schubert families

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#97. 1, 2, and 3 John: The three letters attributed to John are actually anonymous; the author calls himself “the elder.” They were probably written around AD 100, perhaps from Ephesus.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 21. What does it mean to say that Jesus Christ is the image of God?

Despite our turning from God, God did not turn from us, but instead sent Jesus Christ in the fullness of time to restore our broken humanity. Jesus lived completely for God, by giving himself completely for us, even to the point of dying for us. By living so completely for others, he manifested what he was — the perfect image of God. When by grace we are conformed to him through faith, our humanity is renewed according to the divine image that we lost.

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Class of 2024: Jerry Ambrose, Lucinda Davenport, Loren Harkness, Tonya Seely.

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Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy (*Treasurer*), Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jasmine Leffew	Aug. 13
Ralph Taggart	Aug. 13
Julie Dart	Aug. 17

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Elijah Awakened by the Angel
by Dieric Bouts, c. 1466

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