

August 25, 2024
14th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Nocturne" Chasselon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord redeems the life of his servants. Ps. 34:22

Thanks be to God!

No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #307** "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our redemption,
we confess that we have not been faithful servants.

We have not served you with sincere hearts
nor trusted in your salvation.

We have forsaken you, the living God,
and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols
of worldly power and wealth.

Forgive us our sin, O God.

Lead us to heartfelt repentance
that we may honor you with our lips
and serve you with our lives;
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sarabande in c" Bach

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

+**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)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 O.T. page 244
Solomon's prayer at the temple dedication

PSALM Psalm 84
How dear to me is your dwelling, O God

How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young,

by the side of your alters, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**Those who go through the balsam valley
will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.**

Behold our defender, O God;

and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For the LORD God is both sun and shield,
bestowing grace and glory;
no good thing will the LORD withhold
from those who walk with integrity.

**O LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20 N.T. page 151
Put on the armor of God

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:56-69 N.T. page 75
The bread of eternal life

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Ps. 85:9

Surely our salvation is at hand.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: GTG #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

SERMON "Worthy of Our Worship" Rev. Charlie Herrick

+**HYMN: GTG #394** WESTMINSTER ABBEY
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

+**CHARGE**

+**BLESSING**

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #765** ARGENTINA
"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

POSTLUDE "Raindrop" from Prelude Chopin

**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: Nancy Sue MacDonald and Barb VanDyke

Next Week's Greeters: Peg Shaub and Marge Welch

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Barry Chapman

Today's flowers are given by

Lucinda Davenport

in memory of loved ones

and by

Sandy and John Diehl

in memory of Ray Elton

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#99. *Persecution under Domitian:*

Evidence suggests that Roman Emperor Domitian (AD 81-96) harassed or persecuted some Christians. Some were exiled; at least one was killed.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 23. What comfort do you receive by trusting in God's providence?

The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ watches over me each day of my life, blessing and guiding me wherever I may be. God strengthens me when I am faithful, comforts me when discouraged or sorrowful, raises me up if I fall, and brings me at last to eternal life. Entrusting myself wholly to God's care, I receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous against injustice, and confident that no evil afflicts me that God will not turn to my good.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Elder/Deacon Potluck	3:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lucy Simons	Aug. 27
Donna Hujsak	Aug. 28

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Solomon's Prayer of Dedication for the Temple
Cathédrale d'Amiens, France, c. 1220-1240

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