

Bulletin Information
July 18, 2021
8th Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

All: it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

One: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Lord, have mercy. Forgive our sins we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...giving you glory, love and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Deserted Places

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope

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Postlude

Next week's text: John 6:1-21