

Bulletin Information
September 4, 2022
13th Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.

All: **They are like trees planted by streams of water, and they will flourish.**

*Morning Prayer

Extravagant God, you pour out blessings upon us and lead us on the path of true life. Help us to choose your way again and again, that we might revel in you love and reflect it to all we meet. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Hymn *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* PH-477

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give...

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

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH #579

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

One: Lord, you have searched me out;
O Lord, you have known me.

**All: You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

One: You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

One: You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

One: For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**All: I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

One: My body was not hidden from you while I was being made in secret and woven in the
depths of the earth.

**All: Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written
in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

One: How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

**All: If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count
them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

One: Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are filled with wonder at all your works and
overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. We Praise you for your majesty; yet even more
we rejoice that you do not forget us, yet desire to know and care for us; through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Philemon 1-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:25-33

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Concerning Discipleship

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

PH-326

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God...

Words of Institution

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate in the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who precedes from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope

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Postlude

Sermon Text for next Sunday: Luke 15:1-10