

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day August 26, 2018  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!** Psalm 118:24

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Hymn: *Come, Worship God* #386  
*Psalm 95*

\*Prayer of Adoration:

Leader: God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness.

People: **On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death.**

Leader: On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory.

People: **Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; hear us now as we lift our silent confessions to you, through Jesus Christ our redeemer. . . .**

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy* #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

\*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Psalter: *Psalm 84*

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Leader: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

People: **They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

Leader: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

People: **Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.**

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

People: **For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Scripture Reading: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18*

Anthem: *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Tucker

Time for Young Disciples  
(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

\*Hymn: *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* #766

Scripture Reading: *John 6:56-69*

Sermon: *You Are Chosen* Jennifer Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith: 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.**

Prayers of the People

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.**

\*Hymn: *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #761

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Response: *Go Into the World* Dale Wood

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

# All Creatures of Our God and King

- Choir: 1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. O rushing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
O rising morn in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
O fire so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
sing praises, Alleluia!  
All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Choir and Congregation

5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and  
wor-ship him in hum-ble - ness, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le -  
lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the  
Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O\_\_  
praise him, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Kristi Hachtel Al Hejl  
Sue Johnson Lois Hejl

Shepherd: Judy Taylor

Liturgist: Debbie Dalton

Reader: Kevin Helmer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, August 26

12:00 noon Reception for Marshalls  
5:00 pm Youth  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

### Monday, August 27

9:00 am Prayer Group

### Tuesday, August 28

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild  
5:30 pm Handbell practice

### Wednesday, August 29

7:30 pm Choir Practice

### Sunday, September 2

11:00 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Communion Reception  
12:00 noon Christian Education Committee Meeting

## TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Larry and Diana Walker in loving memory of Enois Walker.

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Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

John 6:56-69 (NIV)