

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

August 27, 2017

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified. Hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

People: O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch. Psalm 5:1-3

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #667

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Our Heavenly Father, whose son is the light of the world, in his penetrating light we acknowledge our darkness; in his constant grace our careless love; in his equal justice our sordid grasping; in his fortitude our fearful prejudice; in his inclusive love our deep divisions; in his pure sacrifice our soiling sins. But in his cross is our forgiveness, and in his resurrection our enduring hope. The pardon and promise we now claim, in penitence and faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Dvořák

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us, upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

People: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31:33-34

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel, for 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 God, we pray for the same Holy Spirit which inspired Scripture to be written to open our hearts and minds to understand what you would reveal to us today. And knowing your word, may we have the courage to obey, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 124
(Tune: St. Anne; #687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*)
People's part is paraphrased by Michael Morgan

Leader: If the LORD had not been on our side—let Israel say—if the LORD had not been on our side when people attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us;

People singing: If God had not been on our side, when wars around us rose,
Who would have been the sure defense against our mortal foes?

Leader: The flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away.

People singing: Their anger at our presence rage; their wrath, a swelling tide,
To draw us underneath the flood, were God not at our side.

Leader: Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

People singing: The Lord be praised, at whose right hand our enemies are stayed,
Our lasting shield, the name of God, who heaven and earth has made.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Anthem: *Down to the River to Pray* Lloyd Larson

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: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* #187

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: The Significance of a Name Holly Smith

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.

*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.

*Hymn: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* #298

*Benediction

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

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Clarence Bahs Marty Taylor
 Betsy Tucker Jill Ivy

Shepherd: Nancy Niehaus

Liturgist: Sue Atkins

Reader: Deborah Dalton

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 27

Rally Day

12:00 noon Children's Choir
 12:00 noon WUF Lunch
 5:30 pm Youth

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, September 3

9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 noon Communion Reception hosted
 by Building and Grounds Committee
 12:00 noon Children's Choir

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Kirk O'Keefe in loving memory of Helen O'Keefe.

The red rose is in honor of the birth of Charles Matthew Thompson, Jr. (Charlie), son of Matt and Hallie Thompson. Charlie was born August 16, 2017, in Houston. His grandparents are Tony and Patricia Thompson.

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THE SESSION

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 Lisa Thompson

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 Deborah Dalton
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All the Members of the Congregation

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Jesus' Charge to Peter
 Raphael 1483-1520

August 27, 2017
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¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20