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**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 20, 2023**

***“God Have Mercy ... on Me!”***

**“GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!”**

## Gathering Music

### Welcome & Greeting

How good and pleasant it is when those who worship God  
**desire to live in unity and peace.**

It is like the pleasure experienced on seeing rainfall transform arid, barren fields  
**into carpets of colorful wildflowers.**

In these ways, God’s blessings are truly visible.

God of all creation, your beauty and your blessings are visible not only in our wide, sweeping plains, and unique land forms, but also wherever people gather to worship you.

**We, who gather here in this time and this place, come, grateful for all your blessings towards us.**

We praise you for linking our lives with yours through the gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**In and through him we have been blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring your dreams of a just and peaceful world to reality.**

A world, where the barriers which separate people from you and from one another, are peacefully and willingly broken down forever.

**This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen**

## Songs of Praise

### As We Gather

Make Faye and Tom Coomes

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*As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us.*

*As we gather, may we glorify Your name.*

*Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,*

*We’ll be blessed because we came.*

*Repeat*

*We’ll be blessed because we came.*

## **We Are Called**

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*Come, live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God.*

*Come, open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more. Refrain*

*Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain*

## **Confessing Our Sin**

Lord Jesus Christ, you swept away centuries of prejudice and legalism when you reached out and accepted people as they were - accepted them as loved fellow human beings.

We confess our failure to be as inclusive as you....if people feel excluded from our fellowship because of their appearance, their poverty, their lack of power or low self-image:

**Forgive us.**

If people feel excluded from our fellowship because of their sexuality, addiction, lack of a job ...

**Forgive us if people feel excluded from our fellowship.**

Strengthen us, Lord, where we are weak, and make us strong to withstand the seduction of a society which seems obsessed with the acquisition of wealth and power. We know in our hearts that discipleship demands an utterly new way of seeing people as you did, and being with them unconditionally, as you were, but the journey from heart to eyes and hands and feet can be long and difficult .

**We pray for your forgiveness Lord when we fail, and as people who have received your mercy over and over, may we be as merciful and as compassionate as you, in all we say and do in your name. Amen**

## **Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News**

We rejoice in the good news that God sent Jesus into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Sharing the Peace**

## Thought for the Day

**Drama** "The Prophet Margin"

**Scripture** Matthew 15:21-28

**Children's Time**

**Message**

**Pastor Bill Peters**

**Song**

### **You Are My All in All**

**# 94**

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*You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the Treasure that I seek  
You are my All in All  
Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name*

*Taking my sin, my cross, my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my All in All  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my All in All*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name*

## **Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer**

*We will sing this refrain once and then after each petition.*

### **Lord, Listen to Your Children**

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

## Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us. We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world.

We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

## Sharing of Gifts

*“White As Snow” – Sung by the music team while the offering is gathered.*

## Holy Communion – Words of Distribution and Invitation

All who have gathered in Jesus’ name and believe in his “real presence” in the bread and wine are invited to commune.

*We will commune by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) and use a “walk-thru” style for Communion – please come down the center aisle, receive the sacrament, and return to your seat by going to the left (north) side aisle.*

## Communion Songs

### Here Is Bread

Grahm Kendrick, 1950

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*Here is Bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine,  
Christ is with us here*

*Refrain In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.*

*Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace find his peace,  
feast on Jesus here. Refrain*

*Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We’ll proclaim till he comes  
Jesus crucified. Refrain*

## Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

**#104**

Lanny Wolfe

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*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*(Repeat)*

## Blessing

## Sending Music

## Be Exalted, O God

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*I will give thanks to Thee  
O Lord among the people  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations  
For thy steadfast love is great  
Is great to the heavens  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth  
(Repeat Entire Song)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thank be to God

**“EVEN THE CRUMBS OF GOD’S GRACE  
ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH”**