

**August 15, 2021 Worship**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome**

**Songs:** Better Is One Day; Indescribable

**Call to Worship:**

L: God is our refuge and strength!

C: The Lord of hosts is with us!

L: Be still and know the God who created you!

C: And come into the dwelling place of the Lord!

L: These courts, this place—this is our true home.

C: We will dwell in the Lord's house forever!

L: Come, enjoy the goodness of God's holy temple!

C: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

L: By God's strength were the mountains established.

C: You bring peace to the seas—and to your people.

L: Come to God's house; all are welcome.

C: The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.

L: Sisters and brothers,

C: We gather today

L: To unite and to reunify,

C: To reconcile and to forgive!

L: With reconciliation and forgiveness in our hearts, we worship now  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

**Songs:** *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King; Greater*

**Scripture Reading:** *Psalm 84, Romans 6:1-11*

**Backpack Blessing**

A: Gracious God, we ask that you be with the students, teachers and staff as they start a new school year. In the midst of the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice. May they feel your presence, know they are loved, forgiven and never alone. Watch over them all and keep them safe.

A: Amen!

**Message:** *Into*

**Songs:** *Beautiful Things*

**Affirmation of Faith**

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, begotten of the Father, God from God Lord, 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 our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of 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 seated at 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 proceeds from the Father and the Son, who

with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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.

### **Offering**

As we live, we live to God. Graciously receive the offerings of our lives—all these things we lay upon your altar. But most of all, accept our grateful selves, dedicated to you in the praise and proclamation of your salvation. Amen.

### **Confession**

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Loving God,

C: You have granted us every blessing on earth, but we do not mirror your generosity to the world. We turn inward and hold tightly to things that aren't even ours. We make others uncomfortable to be around us instead of welcoming as you would. And we regularly forget the grace that has been freely offered. Forgive us for not living each day as your beloved, chosen children, for the sake of Jesus. Forgive these sins and also the sins we lift in silence...

L: We do not continue in sin in order that grace may abound, for God's mercy is not something which can be taken from us. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority

alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Go forth in the sure and certain knowledge that you are forgiven, made new, and strengthened to serve another day in God's kingdom.

A: Amen!

### **Communion** *Remember Me*

One day in your courts far surpasses a thousand anywhere else, and an invitation to your table is a promise of the food that never runs out. Welcomed by our heavenly host, let us take this bread and cup as a taste of the eternal feast which awaits us in our forever home.

### **Song:** *Grace Flows Down*

### **Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Ministry Opportunities**

### **Blessing**

Go now, and live before God in openness and integrity. Set your minds on the ways of God, not clinging to your own life, but taking up your cross and following Jesus. And may God give you a share in the

eternal covenant; May Christ Jesus' gift lead you to serve others; And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith and lead you in the ways of righteousness. As followers of Christ, we leave this time of worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**A: Amen!**

**Song:** *Lifesong*

**Dismissal**

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Next Sunday:** *Psalms 65; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34*

*A few questions to consider throughout the week ...*

- What happens if someone is not baptized?
- Who or what is the Old Adam?
- What are you into?
- What is the ultimate promise of baptism?