



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

HYMN SING

The Congregation

#667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

#275 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.

#8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,

Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

#675 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!

Keep me, O keep me safe from harm within the shelter of thine arm!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

***HYMN 15**

All Creatures of Our God and King
Stanzas 1 and 4
Hymn can be found on page 5 and 6 of bulletin

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Read responsively)*

“God of grace . . . **forgive us.**”

(Time for silent prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE**

All Creatures of Our God and King
Stanza 6

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Nathan Sautter

THE STORY OF NOAH

Read by The Davis Family

HYMN

God of Love and Faithfulness
Laura Atkinson, soloist; The Octet

Eelco Vos

God of love and faithfulness, maker of all things.
In Your hands You hold my life, Father, friend and King.
In the silence, in the storm, I am not alone.
God of love and faithfulness, make my heart Your home.

God of justice, Prince of peace, Lord of righteousness,
Slow to anger, slow to blame, always swift to bless.
Rock and refuge, strength and shield, You are all I need.
God of love and faithfulness, come and live in me. - *Paul Field*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 6:5-14, 9: 8-17

SERMON

The Promise

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The French Reformed Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, our creator. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our redeemer. I believe in the Holy Spirit, our comforter. I believe in the eternal God; in his holiness which condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in his presence which renews me. Amen

ANTHEM

O For a Closer Walk with God

C.V. Stanford

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Blessing of the Backpacks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Read responsively)*

“God of grace, hear our prayer...”

The 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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
Stanzas 1 and 2
Hymn can be found on page 7 of bulletin

HERE I AM

*BENEDICTION

IN WORSHIP TODAY

SERMON SERIES - Today we began our new six-week series “*Stories I thought I knew...*” Most of us have grown up having practically memorized the scriptural stories in the Old and New Testaments (some of us from felt boards, others from “Veggie Tales”). We will explore with new eyes these rich stories of our faith and learn how our new understanding can inform how we live our commitment to God. We look at the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego next week (Daniel 3).

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS - August 30 - Join us in person at the 9 am service or virtually at the 11am service on August 30, 2020 as we present our 3 year olds with their first Bible and welcome them to Sunday School. During this time we will also be presenting our 4th graders with their Bible and welcoming them to Club 45.

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

Marsha Williams Roberts, organist; The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir
Evan Vivic, audio/video technician; Elder Nicholas Moloney, video

When Morning Gilds the Skies, Edward Caswall, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, Martin Luther; *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, John Bacchus Dykes; *All Praise to Thee, My God This Night*, Thomas Ken; *All Creatures of Our God and King*, Francis of Assisi; - All in Public Domain. *God of Love and Faithfulness*, Lyrics: Paul Field, Music: Eelco Vos, The Psalm Project, Used by permission. *O For a Closer Walk with God*, C. V. Stanford, © 1976, GIA/Royal School of Church Music - Used by permission for livecasting under OneLicense.net #718492.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Jason Cook, Lindsey Cook, and their family on the death of Jason's grandmother, Jeanette Wilson, 8/19/20

Don Smith, Sr., Don Smith, Jr., and their family on the death of wife and mother Marian Smith, 8/10/20.

Eric Lehmann and his family on the death of his sister, Donna Metzler, 7/29/20.

Louise Seiler and her family on the death of Louise's sister, Betty Lette, 7/16/20.

Rick Farrow on the death of his mother, 7/13/20, and brother, 7/13/20.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his father, Richard Case, 7/10/20.

The family of Beverly Wagner on her death, 7/5/20.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Sautter, Assoc. Pastor for
Community Life

Rev. Jordan Akin, Assoc. Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Music Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries

Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School

Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs Coord.

Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Coord.

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

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HERE I AM (Schutte)
 7.7.7.4.D with refrain