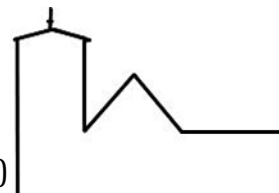


9th Sunday After Pentecost

(Proper 12)



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Allabreve, BWV 589

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The promises of the Lord are wonderful,

The unfolding of God's word brings light and understanding.

Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

Make your face shine on your servants.

We come together to worship the living God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, yet our minds are clouded by the world's cares and concerns. We fail to trust you. We fail to watch for you as you work out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to place our trust in the treasures of your kingdom rather than in the treasures of the world. Gracious God, both hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world, even here and now.

Transform our lives and our world by your grace.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*RESPONSIVE*)

Friends, hear these words and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end. Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA Hymn 567

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 29:15-28

***PSALM 128 Hymn 239** **How Happy is Each Child of God** *Winchester Old*

EPISTLE: Romans 8:25-28

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-35

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: **"Seeds of Heaven"** **Rev. Tim Mitchell**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 333 **Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God** *Lafferty*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (RESPONSIVE) *(from the Mustard Bush statement of faith)*

We believe in God,
holy Source of all that is.
We believe in God,
who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.

We believe in God,
ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation.
We trust in God's love and wisdom:
fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ,
present to us through the Spirit's working
in the Church and beyond.

We believe that God is calling the whole creation
into a future of justice and peace.
We share in Christ's risen life,
and commit ourselves today to receive
the coming reign of God.

To the only God, Three yet One,
be all honour and glory and praise
now and for ever. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

**Chorale Prelude on Nun Bitten Wir
"We Pray now to the Holy Spirit"**

Dietrich Buxtehude



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*praying together*)

**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 glory, forever.
Amen**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 363

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Sojourner

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Jig Fugue in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell
Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

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Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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