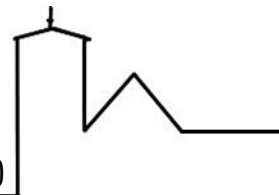


13th Sunday After Pentecost

(Proper 16)



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Postlude pour l'office de Complies (JA 29)

Jehan Alain

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to God with all your hearts.

We will hold nothing back from our God.

Sing full-throated praises to our God.

We will join the chorus of thanksgiving for God's abiding love.

Glorify God and that Word we know as Jesus Christ.

We will honor our God with wonder and joy.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 446**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

We confess our struggle to become disciples, God of mystery. The world's desires would shape us into people less than human. The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, and the successful, yet you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Forgive us! Reawaken, revive, and refresh our weary hearts with your voice that calls us to service. May we leave this place ready to serve You and others, in Christ's name. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*RESPONSIVE*)**

It is so easy to think like the world, believing that money will give us happiness and that power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ and live for others, we will find true freedom.

Not only our minds, but may God transform our hearts and spirits into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 51:1, 46:3-4

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

***PSALM 124 Hymn 236**

Now Israel May Say

Old 124th

EPISTLE: Romans 12:1-2a, 29-32

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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

SERMON:

“Peter’s Wholehearted Faith”

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 330

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Shepherds’ Pipes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) *(The Confession of 1967, inclusive language ed.)*

9.24 The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, in his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of the apostles and prophets guides men and women to live this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

9.25 The members of the church are emissaries of peace and, in cooperation with political, cultural, and economic powers and authorities, seek the good of all. But they must fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength lies in their confidence that God’s purpose, rather than human schemes, will finally prevail.

9.26 Life in Christ is eternal life. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death, bringing to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Trio Sonata no. 2 (BWV 526) mvmnt 2

Bach



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 the glory, forever.
Amen**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Fanfare (Op. 85)

CS Lang

Thanks to Pax Carlile for his music this morning.

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Pax Carlile, *music*



8.23.26

Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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