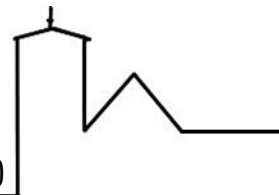


11th Sunday After Pentecost

(Proper 14)



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

An Old Hymn Medley

Shirlye Starke

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

Gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, free us from distraction, so we can hear you and know you among us.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

God, our refuge, you hear our cries for grace. You know our exhaustion, cynicism, and sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. Yet we are quick to lose perspective and to exaggerate criticism. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness, and we pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*RESPONSIVE*)

Do not fear, for I have restored you; I have forgiven and called you by name. 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 37:5-8, 12-14, 17-21, 23-28

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

1 Show us, O Lord, your stead - fast love, and let your
2 Mer - cy and truth at last have met; jus - tice and
3 Lord, you will grant pros - per - i - ty; our land will

sav - ing grace be near; when we re - turn with o - pen
peace are rec - on - ciled. Truth has a - ris - en from the
yield its full in - crease. Jus - tice shall go be - fore your

hearts the Lord speaks peace and we will hear.
earth; jus - tice looked down from heaven and smiled.
face; the path - way for your feet is peace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the voice.

This paraphrase of the latter part of Psalm 85 includes some remarkable signs of God's reign: that mercy, truth, justice, and peace exist simultaneously and that the fruits of creation will be abundant. Because we still await that day, this psalm is often associated with Advent.

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MUSIC: German melody; harm. Lovell Mason, 1831
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MENDON
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EPISTLE: Romans 10:5-8, 11-13, 15b

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-23

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

SERMON: "Peter's Reckless Faith, Our Example"

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

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

Let All Things Now Living (Ashgrove)

Frank Voltz



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 525

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Simple Gifts

Charles Callahan

We welcome and thank harpist Lydia Nosbisch for her music this morning.

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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