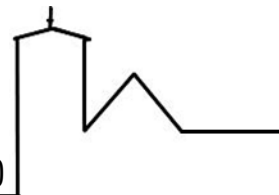


18th Sunday After Pentecost

(Proper 21)



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

From Sonata IV, Op.65
Movement 2 : Andante Religioso
Movement 3 : Allegretto

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Why do you come to this place?

We seek the Creator's path of love.

Do you come ready to hear and learn, giving attention to God's Word?

We come with open hearts and minds, seeking to learn from the one whose authority rests on God's love.

Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts, for God is here. This place is full of love and sustained by home as God seeks to align our work and witness.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always have the mind of Christ. You have called us to live humbly, putting others' needs above our own, yet we cling to our pride, selfish ambition, and desire for control.

We fail to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, and we turn away from the least of these in our communities and in the world. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Cleanse our hearts of bitterness and self-centeredness.

By the power of your Spirit, bend our stubborn wills and shape us into servants of your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymn 565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*RESPONSIVE*)

Friends, believe this good news. In Christ, we are new creations.

We are set free and made ready to live the living Word because in Christ, we are forgiven.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

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

***PSALM 78**

Hal H. Hopson

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1. Give ear to my reaching, O my people; hear the words of my mouth. I will tell you a parable; and reveal truths from long ago. R
2. I will tell you things we have heard and known, God's deeds taught by our forebears; we will tell them to our children, and to the next generation. R
3. Lord, marvelous works were known by our forebears; they saw your power in the land of Egypt and on the plains of Zoan. You divided the sea and let them pass though it; you made the water stand like a mighty wall. R
4. Lord, you led them with a cloud by day, and with a glow of fire by night. You shattered the rocks in the desert, and gave them water as from the deepest ocean. R

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:1-13

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

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

SERMON: "Your Life, Your Mic: Giving Jesus authority to speak into our lives" Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 306**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)** *(Eastwood Uniting Church, Contemporary Creeds)*

**We believe in God who created us,
who loves us and makes us whole.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son,
whose death and resurrection is our salvation
and our example.**

**Who believe in the Holy Spirit of God
who calls us to abundant life. Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

How Lovely are the Messengers from Saint Paul

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace,
To all the nations is one forth the sound of the words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings. Romans 10:15,18



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SINGING TOGETHER, Hymn 571)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

Charterhouse

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

From Sonata Vi, Op.65
Movement 2: Fugue in D minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Polly Brecht, *Organist-Choirmaster*

Kate Kortemeier, alto • **Dan Stanley**, tenor

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor • **David Kortemeier**, bass

Rebekah Dentino, soprano



9.27.26

Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

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