

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 15th at 10:00 a.m.
"Be still and know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music

Call to Worship

Welcome to worship this morning.

Even though it is summertime, our lives are crowded and rushed.

Come into this time of peace and quiet.

We need to rest in God's word.

God's love is with you. God will give you rest and refresh your souls.

Thanks be to God for this "break-away" time.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we thank you for this "break-away" time to find some peace and quiet amid all the busyness in our lives. Help us during this hour to relax our spirits and refresh our souls.

Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go, but that we need the rest of spirit that only you can provide. Amen.

Opening Hymn of Praise "God of Love and God of Power" UMH #578. Words: Gerald H. Kennedy, 1907. Music: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.**

Refrain:

**God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.**

**2. We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
(Refrain)**

**3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share**

that devotion anywhere.
(Refrain)

**4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.
(Refrain)**

Blessing of School Supplies for Cunningham Park Elementary School

Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39 (NIV)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Sermon Worship Series: Be Still "A Matter of Focus" Rev. Matthew Sergent

Responsive Litany

Come, find a time of peace.

We don't think we have time. There are many demands on us.

Come, find a time of rest.

There is so much that we have to do, places to go, people to see, needs to be met.

Come, find a time of healing.

Our lives are fractured. We give of ourselves and yet there is still much to be done.

Come, find a time of hope.

We can't accomplish everything. Look around you. See how the cries of the world scream in our ears; how the hands of need reach out, pleading for our help.

You cannot serve if you do not rest. You need a time of quiet to re-gather your strength and spirits.

Lord, help us to slow down, even if it is for just a little while.

Come, find this place of peace. Let the spirit of God gently refresh and heal you.

We come and will find our rest in God's steadfast love. Amen.

Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH #395. Words: William D. Longstaff, 1822-1894

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**1. Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.**

**2. Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.**

**3. Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.**

**4. Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.**

Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth Hymn "Jesus Is All the World to Me" UMHS #469. Words and Music: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. Jesus is all the world to me,
my life, my joy, my all;
he is my strength from day to day,
without him I would fall.
When I am sad, to him I go,
no other one can cheer me so;
when I am sad, he makes me glad,
he's my friend.

2. Jesus is all the world to me,
my friend in trials sore;
I go to him for blessings, and
he gives them o'er and o'er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain,
he sends the harvest's golden grain;
sunshine and rain, harvest of grain,
he's my friend.

3. Jesus is all the world to me,
and true to him I'll be;
O how could I this friend deny,
when he's so true to me?
Following him I know I'm right,
he watches o'er me day and night;
following him by day and night,
he's my friend.

4. Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when
life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a friend,
beautiful life that has no end;

eternal life, eternal joy,
he's my friend.

Benediction

Postlude