



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 16, 2026 11:00 AM

As a courtesy
to others, please
silence your phone.

based on
Psalm 133:1-3

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE

Air on the G String
(Isaac Mingus, cello)

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Householder

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.

We gather as one body, joined by the grace and love of God.

The Lord blesses his people with peace and life everlasting.

Let us praise the One who calls us into fellowship and unity.

*HYMN 401 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you desire hearts that are pure before you,
yet we confess that our words, our thoughts,
and our actions too often reveal what is sinful within us.
We have spoken carelessly, judged harshly,
and failed to love our neighbors as you command.
Forgive us.
Create in us clean hearts,
renew a right spirit within us,
and make us faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray.

(a moment for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*SONG OF JOY 623 *I've Got Peace like a River*

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (twice)

I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (twice)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

I Believe
(The Chancel Choir)

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:10-28

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When Jesus Got It Wrong

Rev. Boggess

These words were discovered at the end of World War II. They had been scribed into a wall in the basement of the Cathedral in Cologne where Jews were given refuge from the Nazis.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dave Householder

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

In the Garden
(Isaac Mingus, cello)

Austen Miles/
arr. Steven Phillips

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dave Householder

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community.
This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities
which separate people from God and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

MC KEE

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind. *(continued next page)*

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Old Hundredth*

Steven Phillips

The postlude
concludes our
worship today.
It's the custom
of this
congregation to
sit and enter into
this moment with
gratitude and
celebration.



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