



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18, 2021
10:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Steven Phillips

PRELUDE

Meditation
(Sean O'Neil, violin)

Jules Massenet

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Deuteronomy 5:15, 8:2; Isaiah 46:8a, 9-10; Matthew 28:20

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,
and the Lord your God brought you out from there
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

Michael Fingerle

We have come to remember.

Remember the long way that the Lord your God
has led you these forty years in the wilderness,
in order to humble you,
testing you to know what was in your heart,
whether or not you would keep God's commandments.

We have come to remember.

Remember this and consider, for I am God, and there is no other;
declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done, saying,
"My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfill my intention."

We have come to remember.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail to God's Anointed

(Sung to the tune Ellacombe)

All hail to God's anointed, great David's greater Son!
All hail, in time appointed, your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression and rule in equity.

You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.

You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.
Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

All rulers bow before you, and gold and incense bring.
All nations shall adore you; your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend.
Your rule is still increasing; your rule is without end.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Creator of the universe,
We imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.

In judgment, illumine our darkness;
In mercy, call us home—
until your unlikely call sets our course,
until your improbable word issues from mouths,
until we offer our lives for the sake of your coming.
(*silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Molly Horner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-13; Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON

"A Dwelling Place for God"

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SONG OF FAITH

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(Jordan Cook, vocalist)

Text by Charles Wesley
Music by Steven Phillips

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Ephesians 2:14, 17-22
Michael Fingerle

For Christ Jesus is our peace;
in his flesh he has broken down the dividing wall,
that is, the hostility between us.
He came and proclaimed peace to us who were far off
and peace to us who were near;
for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens,
but we are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
in whom we also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling-place for God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Steven Phillips

***SENDING SONG**

God of This City

Aaron Boyd

Verse 1

You're the God of this city,
You're the King of these people,
You're the Lord of this nation; you are.
You're the light in this darkness,
You're the hope to the hopeless,
You're the peace to the restless. You are.

Pre-Chorus

There is no one like our God,
There is no one like our God!

Chorus 1

Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things are still to be done in this city;
Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things have still to be done here.

Verse 2

You're the Lord of Creation,
The Creator of all things,
You're the King above all kings. You are.
You're the strength in our weakness,
You're the love to the broken,
You're the joy in the sadness. You are!

Pre-Chorus

There is no one like our God,
There is no one like our God!

Chorus 2

Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things are still to be done In this city; (3 times)
Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things have still to be done here.

***BENEDICTION**

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Steven Phillips

Musical Team

Upright Bass - Isaac Mingus
Percussion - Mark DeRose
Violin - Sean O'Neil
Vocalist - Jordan Cook

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