



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 20, 2023 11:00 AM

WELCOME

Tim Boggess

PRELUDE

A Garden Song

arr. Phillips

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 18)

We love you, O Lord, our strength.
**The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer,
our God, our rock in whom we take refuge,**
our shield, and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.
Let us call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 301 (vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5) *Let Us Build a House*

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carrie Mills

**Loving God, we confess that we are not always
the community or the individuals you have taught us to be.
We are asked to serve others and
to love those who need it the most.
But we often fall short when we put
ourselves and our priorities first.
Forgive us, merciful God, for the times
we have ignored your call to be the hands and feet of Christ.
Fill our hearts with your life-giving spirit
so that we may be moved to action –
caring for others, growing in our faith
and serving our communities.**

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* SONG OF JOY 538 (v. 2)

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. (Refrain)

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION

Rejoice in the Lord
(The Chancel Choir)

Lyrics from Philippians 4:4-7
music by John Behnke

Refrain

Rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord;
Always rejoice in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice!

Let all know your moderation. For the Lord is at hand. (Refrain)

Have no anxiety about anything.
But in everything, by prayer and supplication,
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God. (Refrain)

And the peace of God which passes all human understanding
will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jonah, selected verses

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Worst Journey in the World
(Road Trips: Stories of Faith on the Move)

Tim Boggess

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**OFFERTORY**

Light Dawns on a Weary World

arr. Steven Phillips

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*** HYMN OF SERVICE 79**

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. (Refrain) (continued next page)

Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Improvisation: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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