



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 29, 2021
11:00 AM**

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Steven Phillips

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
(Carrie Mills, Matt Jarvis, Steven Phillips)

Irish Tune /arr. S Phillips

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 68:4, 7-10, 35
Matt Jarvis

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds—

**God's name is the Lord—
be exultant before him.**

O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain

**at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;

**your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for those in need.**

Awesome is God in the sanctuary,
the God of Israel;

God who gives power and strength to his people.

*** HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carrie Mills

Holy God, loving provider,
you perform miracles in our lives to encourage us along the way.
You never abandon us, even when we complain.
We come before you to admit our doubts and shortcomings.

We don't like being vulnerable. We don't like accepting help.
We get lost in our needs and forget that you provide for us.
We say we will be like Jesus and live to serve others,
but our desires for "enough" constantly get in the way.
We want to live in a way that honors Christ,
but only when it's convenient for us.

Forgive us, Presence of Peace . . .

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Instead of grumbling, may we recognize grace.
Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting.
Instead of wanting more, may we work alongside Jesus Christ.
For Jesus is the bread of life, who extends his forgiveness and peace to all.

ANTHEM

The Peace of God Douglas Wagner
(Carrie Mills, Matthew Jarvis, Steven Phillips) Text from Philippians 4:8-9

Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are pure and lovely, think on these things.
Whatsoever things are wholesome, whatsoever things are good;
If there be any virtue, be any praise, think on these things.
And the peace of God that passes all understanding
Shall keep your hearts, shall keep your minds on Jesus Christ.

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Carrie Mills

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Mary Beth McSwain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-21

SERMON

"Faith Crumbs"

Rev. Mary Beth McSwain

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *Confession of 1967*
Steven Phillips

God expressed love for humanity through Israel, whom God chose to be covenant people to serve God in love and faithfulness and to become a light to the nations.

The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose for Israel and for humanity would be realized.

Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God.

He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity.

He gave history its meaning and direction and called to the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steven Phillips

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

Carrie Mills

HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

Darwall's 148th

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Mary Beth McSwain

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Steven Phillips

We are grateful today for the talents of Matt Jarvis and elder Carrie Mills, both of whom teach at Booker Middle School in choral music and drama respectively.