EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 31, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Craig Miller

INTROIT *Joyful* Text by Henry Van Dyke
(Carrie Mills, Jordan Cook, Steven Phillips) Music by Steven Phillips

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** From Psalm 103
Michael Fingerle

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his minsters that do God's will.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

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

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Craig Miller

Almighty God,
you have called us to be your servants and friends,
but we have often failed as both.

Too many times we have heard the world's call
more clearly than your call,
and given ourselves to its pleasures
and even to its worship,
instead of rejoicing in your friendship.

Too many times we have served other gods,
including our own private gods,
rather than serving you, the living God,
and Jesus Christ whom you sent. Forgive us, O God.

Give us discernment to see your way aright,
a fresh sense of mission for the redemption of the world,
and the presence of your Holy Spirit
for doing the mission into which you send us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel;
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE 647** *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks.
Give thanks.

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

BLESSING OF SUPPLIES FOR BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Craig Miller / Steven Phillips

SONG OF RESPONSE *Prayer of the Children* Kurt Bestor
(Carrie Mills, Jordan Cook, Steven Phillips)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:13-21

SERMON *A Parable about Wealth?* Craig Miller

*** HYMN 716** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
Michael Fingerle

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Michael Fingerle

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 TO DISCIPLESHIP Craig Miller

***HYMN 772** *Live into Hope* TRURO

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***BENEDICTION** Craig Miller

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* John Cook

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