



**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
Traditional Service  
July 18, 2021**

***The Service for the Lord's Day***

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE Prelude on an Irish Church Melody, Op. 101, No. 6 C. V. Stanford

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN**

**#470**

O Day of Radiant Gladness

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

**1** O day of radiant gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright;  
this day the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
to the great God Triune.

**3** This day, God's people meeting,  
his Holy Scripture hear;  
his living presence greeting,  
through Bread and Wine made near.  
We journey on, believing,  
renewed with heavenly might,  
from grace more grace receiving  
on this blest day of light.

**2** This day at the creation,  
the light first had its birth;  
this day for our salvation  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
this day our Lord victorious  
the Spirit sent from heaven,  
and thus this day most glorious  
a triple light was given.

**4** That light our hope sustaining,  
we walk the pilgrim way,  
at length our rest attaining,  
our endless Sabbath day.  
We sing to thee our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the Church her voice upraises  
to thee, blest Three in One.

## WE CONFESS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Loving God, we know that you call us to reject evil and love good, and establish justice at the very heart of our communities. But we often have trouble distinguishing between what is truly good and what is merely good for us; we confuse justice with punishment, or reciprocity, or even vengeance. Help us to recognize, embrace, and defend what is good and just and right, Lord, so our lives and ministry and communities may shine with the light of your justice, mercy, and peace.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### WE LISTEN

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Amos 5:14-15; 18-24

Jeanne Hunsicker

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"A Good Word: Justice"

### WE RESPOND

### HYMN

#434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

**1** Today we are all called to be  
Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captives free,  
Make plow-share out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
Make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first,  
Our ease and comfort last.

**2** God made the world and at its birth  
Ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth,  
Responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud,  
We sow not peace but strife,  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
That threatens all of life.

**3** Pray justice may come rolling down  
As in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town  
To cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
An earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for  
A harmony of peace.

**4** May we in service to our God  
Act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod  
Till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
Give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be  
Disciples of the Lord.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Cole, Deborah Drake, Marsha and Martin Heimann,  
Chris Moravek, Susan Nelson

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Confession of Belhar*)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.**

### CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Christ Hath a Garden

setting Gerald Near

Chancel Choir

\*Response - #592

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

\*Prayer of Dedication

## CLOSING HYMN

#417

### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

**1** Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
And our confidence alone.

**3** Here bestow to all Your servants  
What they ask of You to gain,  
What they gain from You forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Your glory  
Evermore with You to reign.

**2** To this temple, where we call You,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
With Your wonted loving kindness  
Hear Your people as they pray.  
And Your fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always.

**4** Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory

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