



Summer Worship
The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 4, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE All Belong Here

Hannah Rand

Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GATHERING HYMN**

#481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

1 Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia!
Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!

3 Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!
All that God for us has done, Alleluia!
All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!

2 Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!
Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia!
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!
Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!

EMBODIED CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Please stand if you are able.*

We Are One in the Spirit
Verse 1, From Glory to God

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1-16

Linda Filipovits

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Rhonda Kruse

"Rowing in the Same Direction"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN

#358

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

1 Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them
Or as they may become.

3 Let Your acceptance change us,
So that we may be moved
In living situations
To do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness
And laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Presbyterian Declaration of Faith*)

The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences. We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown/Glenn Robertson

Contemporary Ensemble

*Doxology

#414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought (Verse 3)

FOREST GREEN

3 With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion Bread Now Broken

Kurt Kaiser

*SENDING HYMN

#436

We Are Your People

WHITFIELD

1 We are your people: Lord, by Your grace,
You dare to make us Christ to our neighbors
of every nation and race.

4 Joined in community, breaking Your bread,
May we discover gifts in each other,
willing to lead and be led.

2 Called to portray You, help us to live
Closer than neighbors, open to strangers,
able to clash and forgive.

5 Lord, as we minister in different ways,
May all we're doing show that you're living,
meeting Your love with our praise.

3 Glad of tradition, help us to see
In all life's changing where You are leading,
Where our best efforts should be.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "March of the Priests" from *Athalie*, Op. 74 F. Mendelssohn/arr. E. Duncan

Flowers are given in memory of her aunt, Elizabeth Willis Kuester, by Ruth Willis