



**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Traditional Service
August 15, 2021**

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Prelude in A

Eugene Gigout

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord of all of us, we are yours.

People: May we be complete in our worship and give you praise.

Leader: Together we sing, "Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is
and is to come"

People: Lord of all of us, we love you.

OPENING HYMN

#489

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee,
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows,
Here is balm for all our woes.

2 Gracious God, I come before Thee,
Come Thou also down to me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heaven on earth must be;
To my heart O enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God. There are times when we wonder where you are. We pray to you and wonder if you hear us. We direct our words to you, expressing our doubts and confusion. We blame you for our misgivings. And yet, so much of what we do in our daily lives is out of a profound need for control, To let Go, and Let God. We are afraid to trust you, even though you promise to always be with us. We feel abandoned by you even though you say: "fear not, for I will always be with you". We carry around the burden of guilt for the things we have done, and the things we did not do. We reject your declaration of "your sins are forgiven." Fill us with your Spirit, O Lord and guide us to a place that we can let go of the old ways and become the person you intended us to be. We ask this in your Holy name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE First Lesson: Psalm 30

Joanne Kelhart

Second Lesson: John 1:1-5; 10-13; 16-18

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. Sue Bennetch

"The Favor of Your Company"

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

2 The church from You, dear Savior,
Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
On all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

3 O make Your church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims
By this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
We see You face to face.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM Adalyn Nicole Snyder, daughter of Jamie and Timothy Snyder

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 Day By Day

Martin How

Chancel Choir

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

#416

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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.

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

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.

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
While unending ages run.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Concluding Voluntary

Anonymous, from American Church Voluntaries (1856)

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