



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday Worship

October 2, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Come As You Are

David Crowder

Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

#430

DARWALL'S 148TH

1 Come sing O church in joy
Come join O church in song
For Christ the Lord has led us
Through the ages long

3 Let courage be our friend
Let wisdom be our guide
As we in mission
Magnify the Crucified
(Refrain)

Refrain
In bold accord
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord

4 Come sing O church in joy
Come join O church in song
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
Over the ages long
(Refrain)

2 Long years have come and gone
And still God reigns supreme
Empowering us to catch the vision
Dream the dream
(Refrain)

*Please stand if you are able.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESION

Gracious and Loving God, Christ taught us that the greatest commandment is to love you with all of our being, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Too often, though, it is so difficult not to put our own interests and desires first, to hold back our love and compassion, our generosity and commitment to justice. We fear there will not be enough to give and make a difference; we fear there will not be enough left for us. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to love as you have taught and called us to love, so that through our lives others may witness your love at work in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Jane Masters

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Connecting the Dots: A Worldly Faith”

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN

#282

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

1 The church of Christ in every age,
Beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,
And clothed in Christ's humanity.

2 Across the world, across the street,
The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat,
And never live until they die.

4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
Can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread
And feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating word.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 1 Corinthians 15)**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION “2022 CROP Walk”

The Rev. Dr. Steve Simmons

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart

Chancel Choir

Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the test of death.

***Doxology**

#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 our 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

Communion Music Prelude in G from Cello Suite No. 1

J. S. Bach

Kellen Pisani, guitar

*SENDING HYMN

#515

Now to Your Table Spread

LOVE UNKNOWN

1 Now to your table spread

We come, each one in faith

That You alone provide the words of life and death:

In wine and bread,

On promised food

We find Your loving heart, O God.

3 Here is our common wealth

In sharing what is good,

As though all humankind around one table stood,

This bread to break,

This wine to taste:

One people in the name of Christ.

2 Hands of the world stretch out

Your mystery to touch

In longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,

To sing in joy,

To cry in grief,

To know Your meaning for our life.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Your Grace is Enough

Matt Maher

Contemporary Ensemble

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

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