

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

➤ ➤ ➤ We Come Together As Christ's Body ◀ ◀ ◀

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

People: We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

People: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

HYMN/MUSIC I Will Call Upon the Lord (FWS 2002) <https://youtu.be/BghBkptaW6Q>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life,
that you might work through me.
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Father, forgive me,

renew me, send me out
as a usable instrument,
that I might take seriously
the meaning of your cross.

Amen.

✧ ✧ ✧ We Receive God's Word ✧ ✧ ✧

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "Look! I'm living in a cedar palace, but God's chest is housed in a tent!"

Nathan said to the king, "Go ahead and do whatever you are thinking, because the Lord is with you."

But that very night the Lord's word came to Nathan: Go to my servant David and tell him: This is what the Lord says: You are not the one to build the temple for me to live in. In fact, I haven't lived in a temple from the day I brought Israel out of Egypt until now. Instead, I have been traveling around in a tent and in a dwelling. Throughout my traveling around with the Israelites, did I ever ask any of Israel's tribal leaders I appointed to shepherd my people: Why haven't you built me a cedar temple?

So then, say this to my servant David: This is what the Lord of heavenly forces says: I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be leader over my people Israel. I've been with you wherever you've gone, and I've eliminated all your enemies before you. Now I will make your name great—like the name of the greatest people on earth. I'm going to provide a place for my people Israel, and plant them so that they may live there and no longer be disturbed. Cruel people will no longer trouble them, as they had been earlier, when I appointed leaders over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

And the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make a dynasty for you. When the time comes for you to die and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your descendant—one of your very own children—to succeed you, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a temple for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever. I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Plans of God

Pastor Jim Fu

HYMN / MUSIC Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated (UMH 399)

<https://youtu.be/IQ93HVuYd5Y>

▲ ▲ ▲ We Respond To God's Word ▲ ▲ ▲

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

HYMN / MUSIC My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (UMH 368) <https://youtu.be/rkMapZB8qMk>

◀ ◀ ◀ We Go Forth To Be God's People For The World ▶ ▶ ▶

BENEDICTION

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind always be at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Amen.

Announcements

Pastor Jim on Vacation in August

Pastor Jim will be on his annual family vacation beginning after worship service on Sunday, August 8th through Friday, August 13th. Please contact the church office for any emergency pastoral care needs.

Summer Joint In-Person Worship Service With First UMC in Elmhurst!

We will be going to First UMC in Elmhurst for a summer joint in-person worship service on August 18th, beginning at 10:30 a.m.! Pastor Jim will be preaching, so mark your calendars and planning on being there!

Reminder about the Pastor's Sabbath Day

Just a reminder that Pastor Jim takes Friday as his weekly Sabbath day and will generally not be doing any church business or responding to any non-emergency communications on that day. Please call or text him directly on his cell phone at 847-989-2580 for any emergency needs.

Temporary Closure

The asbestos tiles in the hallway, entrance area, closets, and storage room off the hallway and under the carpet in the reception office will be removed by A & B Environmental Construction next Monday, July 19th. This is the same company that removed the asbestos tiles from the sanctuary, kitchen, and nursery in 2016. The entire area will be sealed off and no one will be able to enter the area for one week or not until we get the all-clear for clean air quality test results. VM Design will be laying the new vinyl tiles in the same areas plus the pastor's office and the small closet in the north room. This work is scheduled to be done the week of July 26, 2019. It will take one week to lay the new vinyl tiles. Again, this is the same company that laid the tiles in the sanctuary, kitchen, and nursery.

To get this work done everything needs to be off the floor, including furniture, file cabinets, and paperwork. We will need some volunteers to help move everything. Please contact Becky if you are available.

Church Schedule

Monday, July 19th – Saturday, July 24th Church is closed due to asbestos removal

