



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 15, 2018



Prelude

"Blessed Assurance"
Featuring Chris Mullen, Guest Organist

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Mary McClurg

One: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

All: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

One: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

All: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

One: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

All: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. Amen.

† Hymn No. 461 (hymnal)

"God is Here"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder McClurg

Holy God, as we come into the presence of your divine holiness, we confess our many shortcomings. Our hands are not clean; our actions do not glorify you; our hearts are not pure; our motivations do not glorify you; our words are not true; our deceitfulness does not glorify you; our allegiance is fickle; our idolatry does not glorify you. By your mercy, O God, give us hands that are clean, hearts that are pure, tongues that are true, and souls that worship you alone, that our whole lives may glorify you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

† "Amazing Grace"

by Edwin Excell, John Newton, John Rees, and William Walker

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretched like me.
I once was lost but, now am found, Was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fear relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.*

† Those who are able, please stand

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*Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we first begun.*

Scripture Lesson (p. 180 NT)

Ephesians 1:3-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

When Life Gives You Lemons

Rev. Susan Haynes



† **Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

† **Hymn No. 341** (hymnal)

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

Church Family Life

*Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row.
If you are a visitor, we invite you to visit our information center located in the Narthex.*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: We give you...mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Now let us...join our voices in the prayer you taught us: Our Father...(hymnal pg.16)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion



Offering

Offertory

"Come Down O Love Divine"

Richard Popplewell

† Response

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elizabeth Small

† *"From the Inside Out"*

by Joel Houston © 2005

*1. A thousand times I've failed still your mercy remains
And should I stumble again still I'm caught in your grace
Everlasting your light will shine when all else fades
Never ending your glory goes beyond all fame*

*Chorus: In my heart in my soul, Lord I give You control
Consume me from the inside out Lord
Let justice and praise become my embrace
To love you from the inside out*

*2. Your will above all else my purpose remains
The art of losing myself in bringing you praise
Everlasting your light will shine when all else fades
Never ending your glory goes beyond all fame*

Chorus

*3. Everlasting Your light will shine when all else fades
Never ending your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart is to bring you praise
From the inside out Lord my soul cries out*

Chorus

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Postlude

"Tocatta"

by James Biery

† Those who are able, please stand



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.

In Memoriam

Lela Griffin

December 27, 1928 - July 5, 2018



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