



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2018



Prelude

"Near to the Heart of God"

by Ruth Elaine Schram, arr. by Cleland B. McAfee

Westminster Peal

Choral Call to Worship:

"I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say (Psalm 122)"

by Bernadette Farrell

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of God."
And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!
Like a temple of unity is the city, Jerusalem.
It is there all tribes will gather, all the tribes of the house of God.
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.*

Gathering as the Children of God

Rev. Susan Haynes

One: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

All: We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!

One: God's works are great!

All: We delight in learning about them!

One: Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

All: With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. Amen.

† Opening Hymn No. 264

"When in our Music God is Glorified"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Charlie Gray

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer. Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Gray

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† Those who are able, please stand

Ordinary Time, the time during the church calendar when no specific holiday is being celebrated, is marked by the color green. The banners displayed at the front of our sanctuary symbolize the cup we share at communion, the blood of Christ shed for our salvation.

† Response "Glory to the Father" (hymn no. 567)
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**



Prayer for Illumination

† Scripture Lesson (p.531OT) Psalm 111

Anthem/Special Music "Pie Jesu" from Requiem by Gabriel Faure
featuring Darshena Wood, Soloist

† Scripture Lesson (p.183 NT) Ephesians 5:15-20 Rev. Haynes
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Does Anybody Really Know What Time it Is?" Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith** From the Confession of 1967
In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.



† **Passing of the Peace** Rev. Haynes

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. 265** "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

Church Family Life Rev. Haynes
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.

Moved by the Spirit Kirk Center Update Elder Gray

Prayers of the People

Gabriel Faure is one of the most prominent French composers of the 20th century. After serving several churches in France during his early years, Faure became the head of the Paris Conservatoire and retired from that position at the age of 75.

Philip Doddridge, the author of the text of this hymn, was a Congregationalist minister in England during the mid-1700s. Doddridge composed over 400 hymns, many of which were summaries of his sermons intended to reiterate his main points to his congregation.



Offering

Offertory

"Nocturne in C# minor, Op. posth"

by Chopin

† 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 and 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.

† Closing Hymn No. 478

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Congregational Response

"Amen"

(hymn no. 570)

† Postlude

"Fanfare"

by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

† 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.



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