



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 26, 2018



Westminster Peal

Prelude "Voluntary and Fugue in C" by G. F. Handel

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: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

All: The refreshing springs of God's love cleans and restores us.

One: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

**All: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always
welcome in God's house.**

One: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

All: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. Amen.

† **Opening Hymn No. 441** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Elder Donna Martin

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond. We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

† Those who are able, please stand

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Martin

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

† 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. 513 OT)

Psalm 84

Anthem/Special Music

“Kyrie from Missa a tre Voci”

by Antonio Lotti

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

† Scripture Lesson (p. 183 NT)

John 6:56-69

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

“Do You Also Wish to go Away?”

Rev. Susan Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith

From the Westminster Confession of Faith

By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the Head, are thus united one to another in the Church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the Church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. He gives efficacy to the Word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By him the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.



† 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.

Antonio Lotti, 1667-1740, was an Italian composer during the Baroque period. Lotti spent his entire career at St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, excepting sabbaticals during which he composed for governmental functions and other secular patrons.

† Hymn

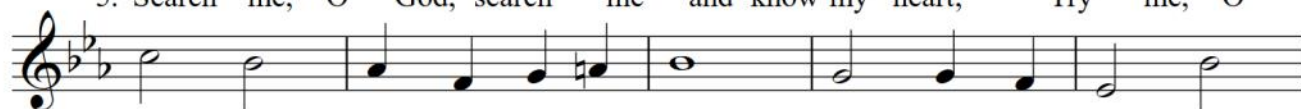
"You Are Before Me, Lord"

Ian Pitt-Watson 1973, 1989

William Henry Monk, 1861



1. You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind, And o - ver
 2. Then from Your Spi - rit where, Lord, shall I go; And from Your
 3. If I should take my flight in - to the dawn, If I should
 4. If I should say, "Let dark - ness co - ver me, And I shall
 5. Search me, O God, search me and know my heart; Try me, O



me You have spread out Your hand; Such know-ledge is too
 pre - sence where, Lord, shall I fly? If I as - cend to
 dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore, Your migh - ty hand will
 hide wi - thin the veil of night," Sure - ly the dark - ness
 God, my mind and spi - rit try; Keep me from a - ny



won - der - ful for me, Too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.
 hea - ven You are there, And still are with me if in hell I lie.
 rest u - pon me still, And your right hand will guard me e - ver - more.
 is not dark to You: The night is as the day, the dark - ness light.
 path that gives You pain, And lead me in the e - ver - last - ing way.

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.

Prayers of the People with 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.



Moved by the Spirit

CAC Food Pantry

Quinton Fisher

Offering

Offertory

"I Love Thee"

by arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

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† 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.*

Benediction, from the Latin words "to speak well," is a short invocation for divine blessing, help, and guidance. Benedictions have been a part of the liturgical makeup of worship services since very early in Christian history and have been practiced widely in both eastern and western branches of Christianity. In Presbyterian worship services, benedictions typically happen at the closing of the worship service and are sometimes accompanied by a charge to the congregation as it is sent from worship into the world to serve.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

† Closing Hymn No. 132

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Congregational Response

"Amen"

(hymn no. 570)

† Postlude

"I'll Fly Away"

by Albert E. Brumley, arr. by Mark Hayes

† 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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