

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2016

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude

Fill The Earth With Music

James Mountain

Call to Worship

One: God calls to us, "Gather, my faithful ones!"

All: **We gather with faith and hope.**

One: God calls to us, "Honor me with gratitude and praise."

All: **We sing with thanks and joy.**

One: God calls to us, "Be ready for anything!"

All: **We worship with candles brightly burning and hearts prepared for God's presence. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Prayer of Invocation

*Gathering Song

How Firm a Foundation

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* Prayer of Reconciliation

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: **You, Lord, have a vision of all people as your beloved children, Imaginative God, but we see folks whose language, dress, and skin make them different. You, Lord, have a vision of a universe filled with goodness and beauty, and we damage it with litter, with violence, with poor choices. You, Lord, have a vision of a Table where we can feast on your grace and hope, but we line up at the fast food counters of sin and greed.**

Forgive us, Envisioner of Mercy, as we confess that we are not "insiders" but rather immigrants searching for our true home. You, Lord, love us enough to want us to be with you forever, so may we take the hand of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who truly leads us into your kingdom. Amen.

*A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: There is nothing to fear. God's hope is more tenacious than our despair; God's joy is more resilient than our grief; God's love is more compelling than our hate.

All: **By grace, we are gathered to God. By faith, we rest in God's promises of forgiveness and restoration.**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

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~Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: **In these readings, Lord, you tell us that we must be ready and waiting in faith, remembering that you come at unexpected times and in unexpected places. As we wait, prepare our hands and feet, and give us compassionate hearts. Help us to light our lamps for the world needs to see Your light and love. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

What Pleases God

^{50:1} From east to west, the powerful Lord God has been calling together everyone on earth.

² God shines brightly from Zion, the most beautiful city.

³ Our God approaches, but not silently; a flaming fire comes first, and a storm surrounds him.

⁴ God comes to judge his people. He shouts to the heavens and to the earth,

⁵ "Call my followers together! They offered me a sacrifice, and we made an agreement."

⁶ The heavens announce, "God is the judge, and he is always honest."

⁷ My people, I am God! Israel, I am your God. Listen to my charges against you.

⁸ Although you offer sacrifices and always bring gifts,

^{50:22} You have ignored me! So pay close attention or I will tear you apart, and no one can help you.

²³ The sacrifice that honors me is a thankful heart.

Obey me, and I, your God, will show my power to save.

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New Testament Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:32-40

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Watch & Be Ready

Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

~Responding to God's Word~

*Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

[The Apostles Creed]

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory *As The Deer with O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* arr. Cindy Berry

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology*

All: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: A-men.*

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Communion Music *Seek Ye First* # 175

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your fits to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* # 23

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Celebrate* Lauren Gadd

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***Please stand, if you are able.**

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SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

10:45-11:30 Children and Youth Sunday School

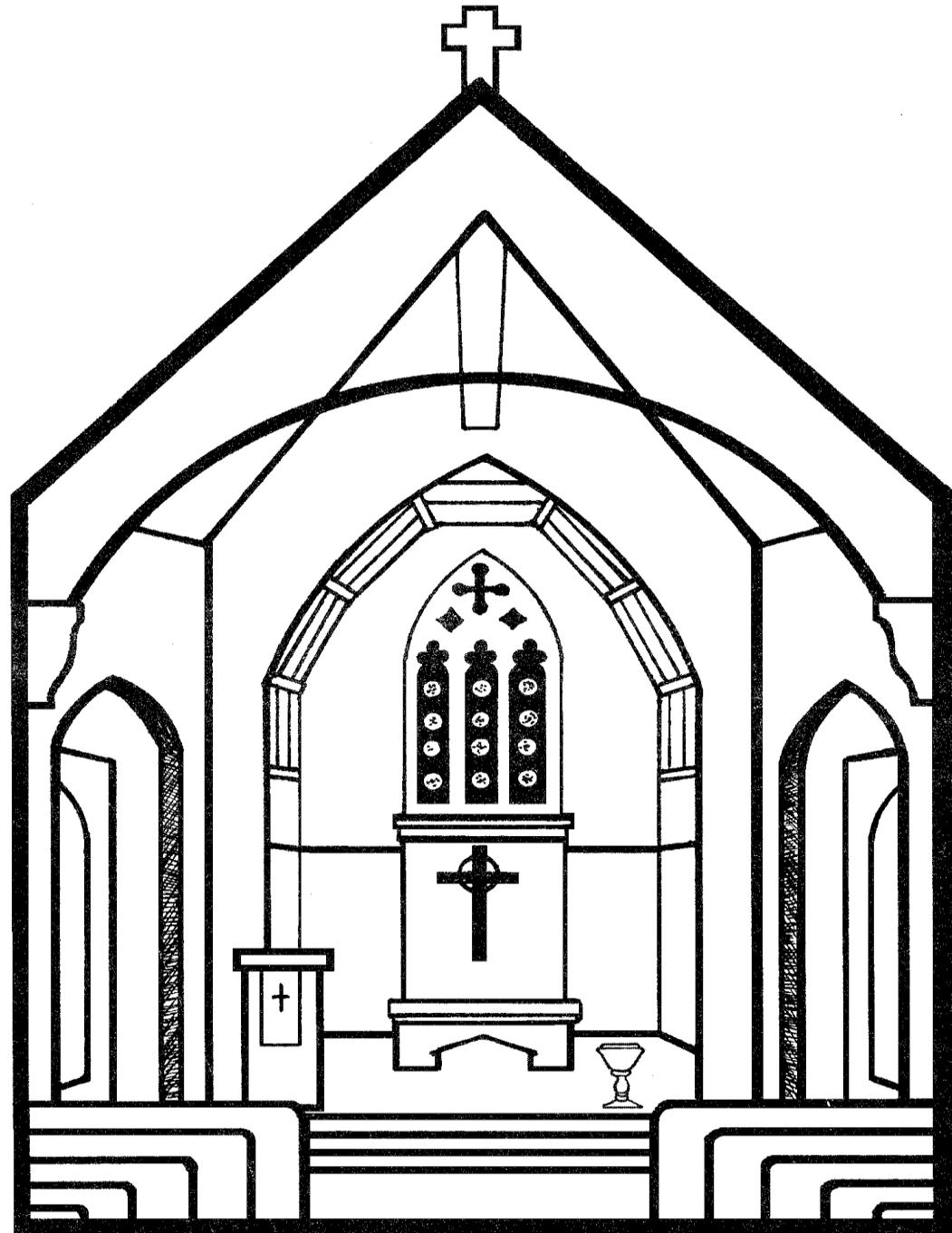
GENERAL NOTICES

Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is provided during worship.

The Session meets the third Sunday of the month.

The Church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 4, Marcia Warren Scoutmaster, and

Cub Scout Pack 15, Brian Hall Cubmaster



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