

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. ***Amen.***

* CLOSING HYMN - ***“One Bread, One Body”*** - #530

* BENEDECTION

* BENEDECTION RESPONSE - ***“Let There Be Peace on Earth”***

***Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.***

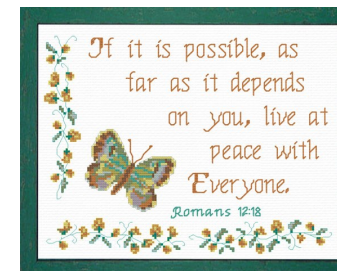
* POSTLUDE - ***“Festive Praise”*** - Blake



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Order of Worship

12th Sunday of Pentecost

August 20, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE ***“Communion with God”*** - Southbridge

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - ***“Surely the Presence”***

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Glorious are you God, we marvel at your caring for us and mercy!
We give thanks to you O Lord for all you do for your children!
The Lord is righteous and is a never-ending source of caring.
We praise you God and give thanks for your loving works!
Let us sing songs of joy and thanksgiving to you.
We give thanks to you Lord and we praise your holy name!

* OPENING HYMN - ***“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”*** #285

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

***Gracious and ever-loving God, in you we place our trust. In you lies our hope.
Let us return to your holy presence when we stray in sin. Let us remember to
be kind and loving to each other and to show gratitude in the fellowship of your
Son. We confess, Lord, that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.***

Help us to be the people you want us to be and help us to better love our neighbor as ourselves. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection ~

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. ***Thanks be to God.***

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - "Serenata" - Bonsor - Recorder Ensemble

Melissa Buckley, Martha Conklin, Nancy Falconer, Donna Kaynor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Dear God, open our ears, hearts, and minds to hear your Word today and always. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Romans 12:2-18

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON "What Does the Bible Say About Fellowship?"

*** OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "The Apostles Creed"**

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "Benedicamus Domino (Let us Bless the Lord) - Kraft

Recorder Ensemble: Melissa Buckley, Martha Conklin, Nancy Falconer, Donna Kaynor

*** DOXOLOGY - Traditional**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.