

* DOXOLOGY - Traditional

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN - “Onward Christian Soldiers” (Insert)

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION 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.*

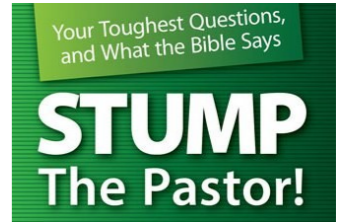
* POSTLUDE - “Festal Trumpets” - Rawsthorne



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Order of Worship

13th Sunday of Pentecost

August 27, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!” arr. Smith

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - “This is the Day”

*This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)**

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it;
the world, and those who live in it.

O praise the Lord with me,

let us exalt God’s name together.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

* **OPENING HYMN - “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #610**

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection ~

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
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 - "Life's Railway to Heaven" - Snow & Tillman

Heather Carter, soloist & Richard Carter, guitar

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

In your grace Lord, guide our thoughts and minds closer to you and your Word and may its wisdom and truth be emblazoned on our hearts, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 124

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 16:13-20

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

SERMON "Stump the Pastor"

* 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

PASTORAL PRAYER 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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "God Will Take Care of You" - arr. Hughes