

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 forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *"Hiding in Thee,"* Anna Laura Page

* DOXOLOGY - *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* – #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN - *"Christ Be Beside Me"* – #702

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *"May the God of Hope Go with Us"* – #765

May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all;

Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

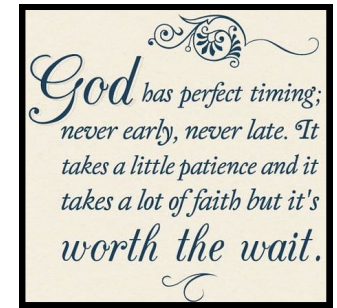
* POSTLUDE - *"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above,"* Dan Forrest

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Order of Worship

12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 31, 2025

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE - *"March"* - Fischer

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

INTROIT - *"Lord, Prepare Me"* - #701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing aloud to God our strength.

We celebrate our God, who provides stability in difficult times.

Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

We praise our God, who loves us more than we can imagine.

Proclaim the grace and mercy of our God.

We praise our God, who gives us freedom to live, dance, and thrive

Listen to God and walk in the ways of Wisdom.

We will hear the Words of Life that sustain us through our journey in this world. We will sing songs of joyful praise to God our strength, who grants us peace. Let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN - “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” – insert**

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Knowing God's boundless grace and patience, let us come before God with our prayers of confession, acknowledging our failures and seeking God's merciful forgiveness.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Merciful God, We are uncomfortable when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper and well-off that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance. Forgive us. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection. ~

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or anything do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God. Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we can offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. ***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

*** GLORIA PATRI - “Glory Be to the Father”**

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

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

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

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

As those who are made one in Christ, let us share signs of peace and reconciliation. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Bourree* – Praetorius

Duet – Tina Durham, recorder, & Lilly Walton, flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You lead us to freedom, to hope and to peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Jeremiah 2:4-13

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Luke 14:1, 7-14

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SERMON - Faith Enough to Wait

***OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: The Apostles Creed (unison)**

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 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 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