



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2025

10:00 am

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

God has given us this day.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has gathered us in this place.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

*There are many places we could be,
but God has brought us here.*

God's steadfast love endures forever.

HYMN* *"Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"*

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Holy One, you see us for just who we are, and yet you love us with a parent's love. In your enduring love for us, we see both our guilt and our acquittal. Gracious God, continue to guide us and teach us to walk in your ways. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

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**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL – Luke 12:13-21

Sue Bentley

"Guard yourself against all kinds of greed."

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Robin Begnoche & Marya Katz

OLD TESTAMENT – Hosea 11 (selected verses)

"When Israel was a child, I loved him . . ."

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE*

(Apostles' Creed for VBS Sunday, by the Rev. Rachel Sutphin)

I trust God, who made the world and everything in it. God is like a loving parent, caring for us all. I trust Jesus, who is God's son and our special teacher. Jesus was sent to live among us. He showed us how to love, how to help others, and how to be brave even when life is hard. People killed Jesus because they didn't like his message. It scared and threatened them. But that wasn't the end. God made Jesus live again, and now he lives with God forever. I trust in God's Spirit, who is still with us. The Spirit helps me be kind, teaches me what is right, and reminds me that I am never alone. I trust that the whole world is one big family, and God tells us to love and forgive each other. I trust that God's love never ends, and that one day, we will all be with God in a world full of peace and joy. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*...with all creation we sing your praise, saying,
Holy, holy, holy, 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.*

... we declare the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**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.**

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP (*by intinction*)

Prayer: **Gracious God, we give you thanks for feeding us
with your very self. Send us forth from this place by the
power of your Spirit to declare: Jesus loves the little
children of the world, no matter what their age or who
they are. Amen.**

HYMN*

"Though I May Speak"

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In loving memory of Hal H. Hopson

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

Congregation

**Go in peace, and the peace of God on this day be blest.
Go in peace, with the grace of God, giving trav'ler's rest.
I will hold you in my heart; Jesus loves you best.
Go in peace, and the grace of God,
grant you trav'ler's rest.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN - All are welcome!