

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 27th, 2017

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Homecoming Sunday

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Gathering Music (at 10:50 am)

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Goodall, arr. by Vesilind

“Saint Anthony Chorale”

Haydn

Blue Ridge Brass Quintet

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

The Bells of Bethel

Welcome & Announcements (please pass the friendship pad)

Rhonda Johnson

Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

Prelude

“Morning Hymn”

arr. by Michael Helms

The Bells of Bethel

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship (Psalm 138)

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

People: *I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness.*

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me and you increased my strength of soul.

People: *All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for great is your glory and your ways.*

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me.

People: *You stretch out your hand and deliver me.*

Leader: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

People: *Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.*

•Hymn 269

“O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgive us, gracious God, for we have allowed this world to shape us and enslave us. You call us to live as one body and to honor each member's gifts, yet we confer honor with rank and divide classes one from another. You call us to freedom and rest, yet we toil at endless tasks and impose such labor on others. You call us to love and serve you, yet we serve gods of profit and production; they swallow us alive. Redeem us, O Lord. Transform and renew us, that we might serve your will; that we might more faithfully proclaim that you are the Christ and do what is good and acceptable for all.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Apostle Peter proclaimed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the Living God. We proclaim that same truth and in that truth our sins have been forgiven.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen and Amen.*

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 (refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Children's Sermon/Four Cents A Meal Offering

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world

Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;

Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you.*

•Gloria Patri (#579)

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.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson: Romans 12:1-8 (pages 148-149)

Rhonda Johnson

(Revised Standard Version)

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him. For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Anthem

“Blessed Be The Name”

Adult Choir

(Lani Smith 1934-2015)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 (pages 16-17)

(Revised Standard Version)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesare'a Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Leader: This is the gospel of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon

“The Testimony on Which the Church is Built”

Rev. Joseph Condro

Response to the Word

• **Apostles' Creed** (*Traditional - page 14*)

• **Hymn 443** "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

Joys & Concerns Rhonda Johnson

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer
Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Words & Music by: Thomas A. Dorsey

Julie Turner, Soloist JoAnn Pendley, Pianist

• **Doxology** (#592)

*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**

• **Hymn 379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
(Interlude after 3rd verse)

Closing Voluntary "Rigaudon" by: André Campra

• **Charge and Benediction**

• **Congregational Response** "Go with Us, Lord" #535

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
That in Your Spir-it strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.*

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters Wayne & Kathy Swisher

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Please pray for our missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia

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SUNDAY**

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MISSION STATEMENT

*We strive to live peacefully with all and respect
one another while loving and serving the Lord;
our doors and mission are open to all!*