

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE**

August 20, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A summer quiet swept over the land this morning.

ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

One: A summer vacation opens new views of God's creation.

ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

One: Long days of light, picnics and play until night.

ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

One: Summer wonder, summer rest, summer worship.

ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" No. 66

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Where Children Belong **(congregation sings)**

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"In the Lord I'll Ever Be Thankful" No. 2195 (2x)

Psalm 146

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

One: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. (R)

All: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

One: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord! (R)**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7: 36-50

(NT p. 66)

SERMON

Three Essential Prayers: "Thanks!"

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

"O God of Every Nation"

No. 435

*Doxology

No. 95

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.

*Litany of Dedication

Leader: Gracious God, give us generous hearts ...
to share whatever gift it is that you have given to us

All: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: To acknowledge you as the giver and source of life...

All: Gracious God, give us grateful hearts.

Leader: To give without counting the cost ...

All: Gracious God, give us unselfish hearts.

Leader: To share without expecting something in return ...

All: Gracious God, give us compassionate hearts.

Leader: To hold all of our treasures with open hands ...

All: Gracious God, give us freed-up hearts.

Leader: To have gospel priorities ...

All: Gracious God, give us loving hearts.

Leader: To recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day ...

All: Gracious God, give us seeing hearts. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

No. 2190

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE