

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

MISSION MOMENT—Habitat for Humanity

Wendy Irwin, presenter

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Good morning. We greet this world that belongs to God.

ALL: The Earth and all its people.

One: How good it is, how wonderful,

ALL: To live together for God's Common Good.

One: If we, Christ's disciples were silent,

ALL: The very stones would shout out praise.

One: So we open our lips, O God,

ALL: And sing aloud our Praises and Amens.

*HYMN

"Gather Us In"

No. 2236

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. 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

UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(ecumenical version)

ALL: It is good to be in this place, O God.

But we understand we are not here only for ourselves.

Reveal within this community

What we must do, what we must hear,

What it is better to say NO to, and YES to,

And who we must welcome if we are to know Jesus among us....

One: Today we pray for ... *(prayers for others shared)*.

And now we are bold to speak the prayer Christ taught all followers, saying

**ALL: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and for ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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Peter Deneen, guest musician

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGE Book of Esther 1: 1-4

(OT p. 444)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

Just 5 Words: Keys to a Great Spiritual Life

MESSAGE

The Fourth Word—"NO"

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW ADULT CHRISTIAN ED. DIRECTOR—Donna Olendorf

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

"Lord, of all Hopefulness"

No. 2197

*Doxology

No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the
Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Unison Prayer Over the Gifts

**We bring you only what began as yours, Creator God. But bring them we do, as our resounding YES that
we wish to advance your ways in our world – in this treasure and in our lives. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN FOR SERVING

"Come, Live in the Light"

No. 2172

*BLESSING

Go from this place knowing you are loved beyond measure.

Let your YES be yes, and your NO be no.

Go now, and embrace the clear voice God has given you to speak.

Recognize Christ in friend and stranger,

and as Christ has been gracious to you,

so be gracious to those in need.

Go in peace.

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.