

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 19, 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.

*PASSING THE PEACE TO THOSE AROUND US

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: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

ALL: May our hearts be open to trust you.

One: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither study nor plan nor plot their 5-year goals,
and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

ALL: May our eyes be open to see you.

One: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither conquer their neighbors nor debate their responsibility,
and yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

ALL: May our hands be open to serve you.

*HYMN

"Welcoming God" lyrics © C.W. Gillette
(tune: Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!)

*Children are welcome, Christ said one day,
When the disciples just urged them away.
Children are welcome at Jesus' knee:
God's own examples for ministry.
Welcoming God, you open the Way;
Even the smallest worship and pray,
Singing with faith and serving you well,
Your life to know and good news to tell.*

*Outcasts are welcome; sinners are, too,
Eating with Jesus and being made new:
Some like Zacchaeus turned right around;
Wounded and poor ones felt peace profound.
God of great love, you stand at the door,
Welcoming people outcast and poor.
So you forgive and call us to be*

Filled with the joy of your jubilee.

*So may we welcome into our pew
All who in Jesus are being made new —
All those who seek him, wanting to know,
Wanting to love him, wanting to grow.
Welcoming God, you stand at our door,
As someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, you search.
May we all welcome you in your church.*

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

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 AND RESPONSE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

John Flesher

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6: 25-29

(NT p. 6)

Key Verse: Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? . . . See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

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

Unafraid: Living with Courage, Love and Hope:

SERMON

Part 4—"Courage for the Future"

PRAYER BY ALL—THE SERENITY PRAYER

Reinhold Niebuhr

**God, give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.
Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as we would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right, if we surrender to Your will,
So that we may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.**

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

No. 408

*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!

*Prayer Over the Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN TO GO AND SERVE "Let There be Peace on Earth"

No. 431

*BLESSING

*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.