

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE  
September 16, 2018  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE "Chorale in A minor" César Franck

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED  
*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT Adult Ministries

\*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: Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, partners and friends.

**ALL: Families of all kinds and sizes,**

One: Come and worship.

**ALL: Loud singers and quiet hummers,**

One: Quick learners and patient teachers,

**ALL: Passionate pilgrims and curious seekers,**

One: Come and worship.

**ALL: We who feel younger than springtime or older than the hills,**

One: Come and worship.

**ALL: We who go faster than the speed of light or slower than molasses,**

One: Come and worship on this day that will never be repeated.

**ALL: On this day of God's making, let us worship the God of life.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "We Are Called" No. 2172

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" (sung processional)

***Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, Washing tired feet, and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.***

(sung recessional)

***Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Gracious God, if we came to your house, we would find the door open,  
Because there are no closing hours in your Reign.

**ALL: If we came to your house, we would hear many accents,  
ours just one among many,  
For there is no favored nation in the new world You are creating.**

One: If we came to your house, we would see people who never thought  
They would be allowed in, had entrance been by merit, rather than by your gracious  
invitation.

**ALL: So reveal within this community what we must do, what we must hear, and who we  
must welcome if we are to know Jesus among us. Hear our 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**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"See What Love"

Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us, in His goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2: 1-9

(NT p. 197)

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

*How Will You Measure Your Life?*

SERMON

Part 1: "By Who and How You Love"

GIVING VOICE TO FAITH

(see below)

### **BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

OFFERTORY HYMN

"As A Fire is Meant for Burning"

No. 2237

\*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 FORTH TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Together We Serve"

No. 2175

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Go Forth With God"

Grier & Everson

\*POSTLUDE

"Fugue on "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" John Knowles Paine

*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.

## **GIVING VOICE TO FAITH**

An Affirmation by the 8th Grade Confirmation Class of 2017

**One:** We Believe in Creator God -

The one who dreamed up earth and humans to love;  
Giver of life, savior from nightmares, lover of all;  
Creator of everything, who works even in shadows;  
The only one who is deeper, higher, more tender, creative  
than we can ever fully know;  
The soul's hard drive.

**Women:** We believe in God the living Christ –

Who actually lived like us, but different from us;  
Who gave his life for us, died on the cross for our sins,  
and so brings us new life;  
Who is light of the world, cornerstone of the Church;  
The one who can break the chain of hate;  
Who sees the darkest, ugliest parts of us, & chooses  
to pull us into God's light anyway.

**Men:** We believe in God as Holy Spirit –

Breather of holy fire, builder of character, leader of the Church;  
The part of God who stayed on earth to guide us;  
Who helps me determine right from wrong;  
Who haunts, stirs, conspires for my good,  
and the whole human family's redemption.

**ALL:** We believe in the Church -

**The place to worship God alongside others,  
to give thanks; to give back some of what was given to me;  
Where I am in a family of imperfect people  
but it is still safe and holy,  
where God is my father and Jesus my brother;  
Where you can believe, praise, sing out loud  
even when your voice is out of tune;  
Where I find a family beyond my family;  
where I come to love the very people  
I didn't even know I liked.  
This we believe.**

