

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

August 4, 2019

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

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

*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: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**All: We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

One: In the name of Christ,

All: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

One: In the name of Christ,

All: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

One: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

All: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

One: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,

All: we proclaim the God of Hope.

One: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

All: we proclaim the God of Love.

One: Come, let us worship together
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57 (vs. 1-3, 5 & 7)

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

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CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN

"The Summons"

No. 2130 (vs. 1)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we don't always want to follow you.

We know what is right and the way of life you have laid out for us.

We talk the talk but don't always walk your walk.

Forgive us, for the thoughts and actions that hurt others and offend you.

Forgive us, for following the path of upward mobility while forsaking the way that leads down and deep into abundant life. Through your grace in Jesus Christ liberate us and by your Spirit set us again on the path of joy-filled obedience. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, know this:
Our God is merciful and compassionate slow to get angry,
and filled with unfailing love. When we stumble, God is there to catch us;
when we are weighed down, God is there to lift us up.
So be at peace: your sins are forgiven.

HYMN "The Summons" No. 2130 (vs. 5)

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 "Gonna Build a Mountain" L. Bricusse & A. Newley
Diane Clark, soloist

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE Mark 8: 34-38, 12: 28-34 (NT p. 45, 49)
Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

The Second Mountain Sermon Series:

SERMON "Up and Down the Mountain"

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel.** Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

HYMN OF DEDICATION "Lord, Speak to Me" No. 463 (vs. 1-3 & 5)

*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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for, in an everlasting covenant, you have promised
to be our God through all generations.

You called into existence things that did not exist:
the universe and all that inhabits it.
From Abraham and Sarah you brought forth nations,
calling them to walk before you in the righteousness
that comes from faith.

In your Son, Jesus,
you showed your compassion for the afflicted
and taught us that real life is found by those
who lose their life for your sake and for your gospel.
He was rejected by the religious leaders, and killed,
but three days later,
you raised him from the dead as Lord.

Now you justify all
who put their faith in you, through him,
counting it to us as righteousness,
and promising us the full riches of your grace
when Christ comes in glory.

Therefore, we remember. . .