

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
TWELVTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE
September 1, 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

Leader: On this Labor Day weekend when we cease from work,
God still gives us our hands for labor -

People: Hands to help someone's deep ache, to relieve someone's tight knot of stress and tension;

Leader: Hands to hold a hurt child, embrace a lonely friend,
applaud a righteous act, care for one who is ill;

People: Hands to create a loving meal or a work of art;

Leader: Hands to till the soil and make a bed;

People: Hands to write to one in need or call another with good news.

Leader: Oh, let us use our hands and our whole bodies this hour
to praise the God of Grace.

People: We are fully here to praise our God – in body, heart & mind.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

No. 192

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

"Jesus Loves Us"

(sung processional)

***Jesus loves us, this we know, for the Bible tells us so. Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves us. Yes, Jesus loves us.
Yes, Jesus loves us. The Bible tells us so.***

(sung recessional)

***Jesus loves us still today, walking with us on our way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who
live. Yes, Jesus loves us. Yes, Jesus loves us.
Yes, Jesus loves us. The Bible tells us so.***

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER FOR OPENING TO GOD

Loving Creator God, who labors to love all that is.

As Summer becomes Fall, we want to walk with You through the changes.

So open our eyes to see your presence,

**Our souls to sense your presence,
And our hearts to love your presence,
Here in your earthly creation,
in all the messy and marvelous web of relations here,
We choose to see grace-filled hints of the world to come. Amen.**

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

"Bist du bei mir" Johann Sebastian Bach
Sue Cobb and Susan Steele, vocalists

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 15:1-7 (NT p. 163)

Key Verse: Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.

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

The Second Mountain Sermon Series:

SERMON "The Beauty of Building up Community and Neighbor"

THE GREAT FEAST OF GOD'S GRACE

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. Come with your hands open, a sign that the gift of God's Grace is free to all seeking it. Take time to reflect on the gift of building up others in your life, whether they are like you or not.

One: Jesus worked hard to show us God's saving Grace.

ALL: In the same way God walked through the desert with the Israelite people, honored a widow who offered her last bit of food to a stranger, and was present in Jesus as he offered a hard-working woman living water at the well ...

One: Jesus the traveling carpenter-preacher showed us how God works.

**ALL: Healing the sick, standing with the broken,
Overturning the status quo, offering life everlasting.**

One: Jesus is still reminding us of God's work yet to be done,
drawing others into redemptive community.

**ALL: Even now, God in Christ calls us into the healing, guiding,
boundary-breaking movement of the Holy Spirit, welcoming others
as Christ would welcome.**

Prayer over the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

GOING OUT TO SERVE

HYMN OF DEDICATION "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

No. 559

*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.