

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 2014

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Holy, Holy, Holy” setting by Benjamin M. Culli

* Call to Worship

One: Give praise to God! Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves ... It is God who forgives ... It is God who delivers ... Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

* Opening Hymn #401 “Here in This Place”

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

* Response #583 “Glory to God”

* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

Time for Young Disciples

All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And so do we!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading	Exodus 14:19–31	Pew Bible – OT p. 61
Handbell Choir Anthem	“Cantus Invenilis”	by Valerie W. Stephenson
Second Scripture Reading	Romans 14:1–12	Pew Bible – NT p. 163
Meditation	“An Error in Judgment”	Rev. Luke Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed Hymnal, pg. 35

* Hymn #440 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Musical Offertory “Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr” setting by G. Ph. Telemann

* Doxology #606

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, and enable the work of love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world. We thank and praise you. Amen.

* Please stand as you are able

Bold type indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation

THE SENDING OUT

- * **Closing Hymn #441** “Hear the Good News of Salvation”
- * **Charge & Benediction**
- * **Postlude** “Fantasy on ‘Holy God, We Praise Thy Name’” by Bram Bruin

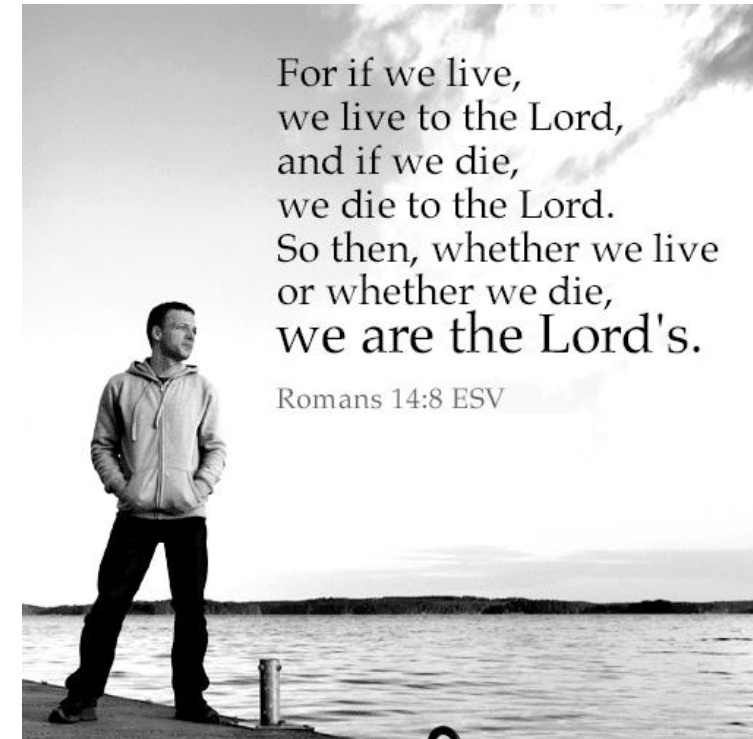


*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you
at the front of the church if needed.*

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by **Tom & Debbie Johnson** in memory of
their daughter, **Wendy Ann Johnson**, who was born on Sept. 12, 1982

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