

12th Sunday after Pentecost 2019

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Elegy" Gordon Young

* Call to Worship

One: God calls us to service,

All: rather than honor.

One: God calls us to love the unknown,

All: rather than the familiar.

One: We come to this time of worship,

All: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

One: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

* Opening Hymn #401 "Here in This Place"

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow us in our faith, call us to love with a full heart and to share your promises with all people.

Amen.

Call to Confession

One: God invites us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your Spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life. Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another. With joy, seek the honor of God's service.

All: Thanks be to God!

* Response #581 "Gloria Patri"

* 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*)

* Hymn #487 "These Treasured Children" vs. #3

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your Holy Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15, 16 Pew Bible – NT p.227, 228

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"
(*Vocal Solo ~ Jan Nelson*) arr. William Lawrence

Scripture Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14 Pew Bible – NT p.77

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "How Low Can You Go?" Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

* Hymn #503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of Bread and Wine (*See "Welcome to Worship" card in the pew rack for instructions*)

Communion Prayer

* Please stand as you are able

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

Offering

Musical Offertory “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” arr. Lani Smith

* **Doxology #609**

* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us, we give thanks for your hope in us, we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace. In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* **Closing Hymn #611** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** “Sacred Prelude No. 1 for Organ” James Michael Stevens



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you
in the prayer room if needed.*

Our beautiful chancel flowers are given by the Deacons this morning.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Greeters: Bob & Marilyn Knuth

Liturgist: Gary Williams

Acolytes: Ian Mackey & Olivia Bivins

Ushers: Jon & Bryce Motquin and Loren & Kathy Porretto

Organist: Julie Mackey

Elder of the Month: Mark DeCleene

Deacons of the Month: Barb LeMense & Cassie Griffin

Tech Crew: Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe Williams

Fellowship: Amy Cassidy

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