

**For Prayer & Contemplation**

‘So we will have no peace, neither outer peace nor inner peace, without justice. And the pax Christi, the peace of Christ, is built on justice. Justice is the true name of this peace, which is so different from the peace of the Romans.’ --Dorothy Sölle

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** “Canon” - Franck

**Call to Worship**

One: Who are these people, dressed in white?

All: **They are the ones who trust God’s grace.  
They count on the Lamb to wash them clean.**

One: Who are these people, singing out loud?

All: **They are the ones who know God’s deeds.  
They give thanks to their awesome God.**

One: Who are these people, dancing with joy?

All: **They are the ones invited to the feast.  
They delight in sharing with each other.**

One: Where did all these smiles come from?

All: **They come from being rooted in God’s wisdom.  
They love to learn as they learn to love.**

One: Where are all these feet headed?

All: **I don’t know, but let’s go with them.**

\***Hymn No. 275** “A Might Fortress Is Our God”

**Prayer of Confession**

God of hosts,  
we have armored ourselves well,  
with cynicism, fear, and contempt,  
so that we do not have to know  
hurt, failure and heartbreak.

But you come into our lives unarmed,  
openly giving us what we desire most,  
and inviting us to take the risks of love.

Strip away our defenses,  
so that we may be open to love,  
and able to accept your gifts and invitation.  
Clothe us anew in your Spirit,  
so that we may love faithfully,  
and walk in your light.

**Moment of Silence**

**Words of Assurance**

One: Hear now from the letter to the Ephesians:

“Each of us is given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

Therefore it is said, ‘When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people.”

In Christ, we have been given the gift of grace!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\***Hymn No. 643** (v.3) “Now Thank We All Our God”

“All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal  
God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, who  
is, and shall be evermore.”

\***Passing of Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

**Time with Children**

**Scripture** Ephesians 6:10-20 PG #: NT 195 • LP 238-9

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** “Armed and Armored” - Rev. Drew Harrison

\***Affirmation of Faith** (*Westminster Catechism*)

One: What is the chief and highest end of humanity?

All: **Humanity’s chief and highest end is to glorify the Lord,  
and fully to enjoy God forever.**

**Leadership Moment** *Jennifer Grenier*

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

\***Doxology No. 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all  
creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\***Unison Prayer of Dedication** (*The Worship Sourcebook*)

O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are  
one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for your church’s  
ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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 debts as  
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.

\***Hymn No. 372** “O For a World”

\***Benediction**

\***Benediction Hymn No. 742** “We Will Walk with God”

“We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. We will go  
rejoicing till the kingdom has come.”

**Postlude** “Toccata on ‘Kirken’ (Built on the Rock)” - arr. Young

\*\*\*\*\* *Please stand as you are able.* \*\*\*\*\*

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>
Liturgist • Bev Ballard
Ushers • John Fitzpatrick, Renee Sheridan
Coffee Hour Host • Vicki Downing



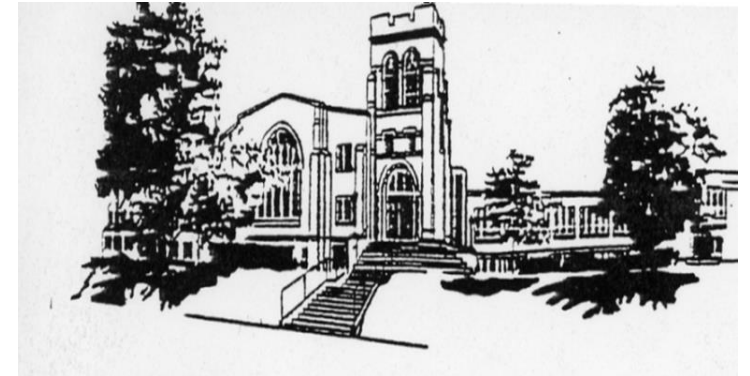
### *Music Notes*

Today's prelude was written by French organist and composer Cesar Franck. We thank organist Dawn Jurkiewicz for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> August 22-29	
<i>Sunday</i> August 22	<b>10 AM</b> Worship Service
<i>Monday</i> August 23	<b>6 PM</b> Worship Staff Meeting <b>7 PM</b> Worship Committee Meeting
<i>Tuesday</i> August 24	
<i>Wednesday</i> August 25	<b>4:30 PM</b> Summer Lunch Program
<i>Thursday</i> August 26	<b>8 AM</b> Board of Trustees Meeting
<i>Friday</i> August 27	
<i>Saturday</i> August 28	
<i>Sunday</i> August 29	<b>10 AM</b> Worship Service

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*August 22, 2021*  
*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Rev. Drew Harrison*