

For Prayer & Contemplation

"The single greatest cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, then walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyles. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable."

- dc Talk

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "They'll Know We Are Christians" – arr. Schelat

Call to Worship (Written by Katherine Hawker)

One: Come to hear the Word.

All: Come to do the Word.

One: Come to experience Comfort.

All: Come to experience Challenge.

One: Come to find Cost.

All: Come to find Joy.

One: Come to find Humanity.

All: Come to find Community.

One: Come to find Church.

All: Come to find God.

*Hymn No. 300 – "We Are One in the Spirit"

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Mercy,
you have called us to live out our faith in word and deed,
but we confess that the life of faith is easier to speak than to do.

We speak of grace, humility, community,
but our efforts often fall short.
We are slow to forgive,
unwilling to swallow our pride,
and reluctant to make commitments.

Forgive us, Lord.
Clear away everything that keeps us from doing your Word,
so that our words and our deeds proclaim our faith.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (Adapted from Psalm 103)

One: God's mercy does not end. For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; 12 as far as
the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from
us.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"
"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was

in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen."

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem: "Thanks We Sing to Thee" – Grundahl
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Isaiah 1: 11-19*
Old Testament PG 630-631
Large Print PG 771-772

2nd Reading: *Revelation 12: 7-12*
New Testament PG 252-253
Large Print PG 306-307

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "You Can't Separate Your Self from Your Story"
– Rev. Drew Harrison

Affirmation of Faith (Westminster Confession, 6.043)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Stewardship Testimony

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
"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

Amazing God, you have blessed us with great gifts, and called us
to great service. Accept our offerings, we pray, shape us into a
community of faith in action. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*Rebecca Monaghan, Joy Pino-Mottlin, the family of Margaret Fortney,
Mavis Finch, the family of Paul Minkoff, Dan, Cindy, the family of Phyllis
Bullock-Beaufait, April Staman, Jason, Tina, Sarah Chowning, Lauren,
Vinny and Sovana, Joan Wagner, Luke Griffith, Pat Schmus, Nic Albadine,
Erin Fitzpatrick, Meg Yanefski, The family of Dorothy Weir, Sara Crispin,
Jim Taylor, David, William Loeb, Rachael Lodholz, Aaron Hill, Douglas
Hoffman, Jason Bell*

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. 295 "Go To The World"

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn 765 "May the Hope of God Go with Us"
May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working, for a world that's new;
Faithful, when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" – arr. Wold

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



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10 AM Worship Service
 September 18, 2022
 Rev. Drew Harrison

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Ushers	Mike Ballard Renee Sheridan
Liturgist	Sue Hummel

This Week's Calendar
 September 18-September 25

<i>Sunday</i> September 18	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singer Kick-off rehearsal at 11:15 in the choir room, It's Okay to Play, 2pm-Washington Lake Park
<i>Monday</i> September 19	Paving of driveway, please park in the street
<i>Tuesday</i> September 20	Paving of driveway, please park in the street, 3 rd Meal Community Dinner
<i>Wednesday</i> September 21	Paving of driveway, please park in the street Circle of Life, Sparrow Choral
<i>Thursday</i> September 22	Paving of driveway, please park in the street, American Red Cross Blood Drive, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> September 23	
<i>Saturday</i> September 24	
<i>Sunday</i> September 25	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singer-rehearsal at 11:15 in the choir room



Music Notes

Music Notes: Today's prelude is David Schelat's 2016 arrangement of a song written for the Civil Rights Movement. Its original composer, priest/musician/community organizer/business consultant Peter Scholtes, was serving the parish of St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago at the time. The anthem is Nancy Grundahl's 2021 adaptation of a text by Ralph Waldo Emerson, set to a Shaker hymn tune called "Simple Gifts." The postlude is Wayne Wold's 2008 setting of the American folk hymn tune "Nettleton," first published in 1813. We thank Helen Stanley and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Birthdays

September 20 Rosemary Salotti
September 23 Chelsea Johnson
September 24 Tracey Nicastro
September 25 Jen Hwang, Ken Wlodarczyk, Wesley Hoffman

Birthday Blessings

