**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 23, 2020, 10:00 AM**

 **Watchword of the Week:**

***Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,***

***so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.***

**Romans 12:2**

**Prelude** *How Majestic Is Your Name* HOW MAJESTIC

Van Krause, trumpet

**Welcome and Announcements** Jerry Hailey

**Call to Worship** Lewis Phillips

**When our world is torn apart by partisan politics, we remember…**

**How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

**When skin color becomes a point of judgment rather than a sign of diversity, we remember…**

**How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

**When our own fears and stereotypes cover over the image of God in each other, we remember…**

**How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

**We are called to be the one body of Christ in this broken world.**

**Let us worship the Lord our God!**

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer** Mr. Phillips

**Liturgy of Adoration, p. 18** Kristen Hailey

This is the day which the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

From the rising to the setting of the sun,

**The name of the Lord be praised.**

 TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN (61 A)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come all who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near;

join now in glad adoration.

Glory be to you, Lord God, our Father.

**You are the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes.**

You chose us in Jesus Christ our Lord before the creation of the world.

**You rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of your dear Son.**

In our union with Christ you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

**You have made us worthy to share in that which you have reserved for your people in the kingdom of light.**

Your love is so great that we may be called the children of God.

**Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we join in proclaiming the glory of your name.**

 TUNE: MONKLAND

 We now with a joyful mind

 praise you, Lord, for you are kind;

 for your mercies shall endure,

 ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise, honor, and glory be to you, Christ Jesus, Son of the living God.

**To you be glory at all times, in the church which waits on earth for you, and in that which is with you in heaven, now and forever.**

Jesus, you are the eternal Word, who became a human being and lived among us.

**Those who were yours saw your glory, the glory which you received as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

In you, the full content of the divine nature dwells in a human body. You are the true God and eternal life.

**Through you the whole universe is reconciled to God.**

You made peace through your death on the cross.

**Therefore God raised you to the highest place above, and gave you the name which is greater than any other name.**

 TUNE: HOLY LORD (119 A)

 Jesus' name, Jesus' name,

 source of life and happiness;

 in this name true consolation

 mourning sinners may possess;

 here is found complete salvation;

 blessed Jesus, we your name will praise

 all our days, all our days.

Glory be to you, Holy Spirit, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter.

**We proclaim your righteousness and praise.**

You pour out the love of God into the hearts of all

believers, and make their bodies your holy temples.

**By our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but you call us through the gospel and enlighten us with gifts of grace.**

You dedicate us to God in the true faith, and you enable us to remain in union with Jesus Christ.

**We praise you, together with the Father and the Son, now and forever.**

 TUNE: DOMINICA

 Come, Holy Spirit, come

 let your bright beams arise;

 dispel the darkness from our minds,

 and open now our eyes.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Lord says: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

Lord, make us truly one in spirit with all your faithful people as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,**

 **the Father, the Almighty,**

 **maker of heaven and earth,**

 **of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

 **the only Son of God,**

 **eternally begotten of the Father,**

 **God from God, Light from Light,**

 **true God from true God,**

 **begotten, not made,**

 **of one Being with the Father.**

 **Through him all things were made.**

 **For us and for our salvation**

 **he came down from heaven;**

 **by the power of the Holy Spirit**

 **he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

 **and was made man.**

 **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

 **he suffered death and was buried.**

 **On the third day he rose again**

 **in accordance with the Scriptures;**

 **he ascended into heaven**

 **and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

 **He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his**

 **kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

 **who proceeds from the Father.**

 **With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

 **He has spoken through the prophets.**

 **We believe in one holy Christian[[1]](#footnote-1)\* and apostolic church.**

 **We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

 **We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

 **and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

 TUNE: MUNICH

 O Word of God incarnate,

 O Wisdom from on high,

 O Truth unchanged, unchanging,

 O Light of our dark sky:

 we praise you for the radiance

 that from the Scripture's page,

 a lantern to our footsteps,

 shines on from age to age.

 The church from you, dear Master,

 received this gift divine;

 and still that light is lifted

 o'er all the earth to shine.

 It is the chart and compass

 that all life's voyage through,

 'mid mists and rocks and quicksands,

 still guides, O Christ, to you.

Almighty God, for the opportunity to be used by you in the life of your church,

For our use of your splendid gifts,

For the joy of obedient service,

**We dedicate ourselves to you.**

For our creation and preservation, and for all the blessings of this life,

For your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

For the fellowship and ministry of your body, the church,

For the opportunity of service in Christ's name through the power of the Holy Spirit,

For your personal presence among us to guide and bless,

**We offer our thanks, dear Lord.**

For our congregation, that we may know and do your will,

For our bishops, ministers, teachers, and leaders, that they may guide your people in the truth,

For the peace of the world, and for the renewal of your whole church by the power of the Holy Spirit,

For all who, in your name, work for justice, reconciliation, and peace,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our community, for the whole land, and all who live in it,

For the fruitfulness of the earth, and for the careful stewardship of our natural resources,

For those who travel,

For the poor, the homeless, and the imprisoned,

For the afflicted, the persecuted, the abused, and those who face temptation, anger, or violence,

For the sick and dying, and for the salvation of all,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be gracious to us, for to you alone are due all glory, honor, and praise.

**Amen.**

 TUNE: HYFRYDOL

 Lord, you give the great commission:

 "Heal the sick and preach the word."

 Lest the church neglect its mission

 and the gospel go unheard.

 Help us witness to your purpose

 with renewed integrity;

 with the Spirit's gifts empower us

 for the work of ministry.

 Lord, you bless with words assuring:

 "I am with you to the end."

 Faith and hope and love restoring,

 may we serve as you intend.

 And, amid the cares that claim us,

 hold in mind eternity;

 with the Spirit's gifts empower us

 for the work of ministry.

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**Anthem** *Amazing Grace* Arr. Althouse

**Reading of God’s Word** Sandra Smith

 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

 Psalm 133

 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

**Sermon How Is Your Heart?** Bill Shields

Matthew 15:1-28

**Hymn 680** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

**Benediction** Mr. Shields

**Postlude** *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*CORONATION

*The work of the church could not go on without your consistent, generous gifts through tithes and offerings. One of the greatest indications of our love for the Lord and His church is both our desire to give, as well as the action of giving. There is a box in the vestibule for you to place your tithes and offerings.*

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1. \*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal." [↑](#footnote-ref-1)