

Pentecost 12A
Online & Outdoor Worship Bulletin
August 23, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices* by: M. Reger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

We belong to God.

When we feel overwhelmed,

God is on our side.

When we are afraid,

God will keep us safe.

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who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve.

Amen.

HYMN *God Of Our Life* by: H. T. Kerr, C. H. Purday & J. Weaver

***God of our life, through all the circling years, We trust in you;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Your hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own your mercies, Lord, which never fail.***

***God of the past, our times are in your hand; With us abide.
Lead us by faith, to hope's true Promised Land; Be now our guide.
With you to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.***

***God of the coming years, through paths unknown We follow you;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge be.
Be now for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive our neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is on our side, offering words of forgiveness, protecting us from danger.

We are a forgiven people, bound together in God's love. We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

SERMON *The Courage To Do What Is Right* Rev. Dr. Thomas T. Peters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

*We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.*

*We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.*

*We believe in God's resurrection created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.*

*We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,
We believe in God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Offertory: *Piano Concerto #1* (first part).
Prayer of Dedication

F. Chopin

HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound* by: J. Newton & E. O. Excell

**Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Then when we first begun.**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Thankful People , Come

by: H. Gehrke

Today's written prayers are by Mary Petrina Boyd for the *ministrymatters.com* website. The Affirmation of Faith is from the Lenten series *Journey into Wholeness* written by Christine Sine. Published in 2009 by Mustard Seed Associates.

Tatiana Akhounzianova is the church organist and our pianist for these services.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Richter, Nina (Tatiana's Mother,) Kristin & Karin & Steve (Joyce Koenig), George Armenti III, Ann Ventura (Toni Hopcraft), B.J. Cardinali, Robin Schmidt, Sheryl Greife (Tom Parziale), Art Fletcher, Leah Hansen (Tom Parziale,) Jennifer Moore (Veronica Moore), Fran, Ron, & Chris Jetko (Jean Hoffman), Bill Hurlock (Joyce Koenig), Ken Crawford (Jan Somers), Phyllis Clemson, Shelley Scheper (Lore Pateman), Justin Byrnes (Tom Parziale), Martha Morissey (Doug & Beth), Bryan Hague, Mary Switlowski (Joyce Koenig), Al Wemuth (Paul & Sue Wermuth), Maryann (Leslie Beechner), Caroline O'Brian (Friend of Lore's), Joan Ventura (Toni's Aunt), Howard Boice – needs a kidney transplant (friend of Bill Hopcraft's), Cavallo Family & Friends (Tom Parziale), Carol (Bill Hopcraft), Nancy Walsh (Dawn Mackay), Vicky Sama (Joanne Sama),

Death

Ellen – Best Friend from childhood of Joanne Sama

Anniversaries

Sharon and Tony Alongi – August 24