

A SERVICE OF THE WORD
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 29, 2021

+ Denotes please rise, as able

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE (o) *Voluntary & Fugue in G* -H. Heron

+ INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (WC, adapted)

Pastor: Almighty God, in Christ Jesus you have shown us the truth of your commandments.

People: Be with us, almighty God. Give us sincere hearts that we may serve you with joy, obey you with love, and manifest your wisdom to the world.

Pastor: Amen. Children of the Almighty,

All: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN OF THE SEASON *O God in Heaven* No. 279

+ SEQUENCE OF CONFESSION (WC, adapted)

Pastor: With sincere hearts and minds, trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Almighty God, we confess we honor you with our lips, but have not served you with our hearts. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, O God. Heal us and make us whole, that we may serve you with faithful devotion and love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+ ACT OF PRAISE *Lead Us From Death to Life* (581, refrain)

All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace:

let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Denise Johnson, DCE

INTERLUDE (o) *Siciliano* -H. Heron

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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The Epistle

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

(NT) Page 213

SERMON *"Toeing the Line"* Rev. Elizabeth Terrill

HYMN OF REFLECTION *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* No. 417

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Faith Statement* Addy Quante, 2021 Confirmand

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (WC143, adapted)

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, for ever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION (WC, adapted)

Pastor: Let us give as God has abundantly given to us.

+ DOXOLOGY (#780) *Gloria Creator*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION (WC, adapted)

All: Almighty God, thank you for these gifts, received from your abundance and returned now to your service. With them we offer the whole of our lives. Grant that they, and we, may further your love to the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ HYMN OF PARTING *When Morning Gilds the Skies* No. 86

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (o) *Largo Spiritoso* -H. Heron

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Week 1: The loved ones of Rev. Delbert Keith Miller; the loved ones of David Close; the loved ones of Rev. Dr. Paul Schippel; the loved ones of Norma Lee Skorupa; Mike Degener; for all young adults leaving for college; for the USA; Michelle Peters and children; gratitude for the Confirmands sharing their faith statements, and blessings for their continued journeys

Week 2: Christy Grueninger, husband David and children Nima, Maya, Gwenyth and Levi; Shari Riebeling; Reed Newton; Wanda Bayer; Evelyn Trexler; the loved ones of Mike Hamby; the loved ones of Donna Mueller; the loved ones of Rev. Alice McFeely Meloy; the people of Afghanistan, especially women and children

Week 3: The loved ones of Marilyn Landgraf; the loved ones of Timothy Francis Xavier O'Neil, Cindy Bandi, Dickie Dezak; for common sense among rising COVID numbers

Week 4: Alan Dooley; the loved ones of Connon Hunsaker; those who do not know their limits; members of the Transition Team

Ongoing: St. Paul UCC; Rebecca; Diane Silva; Dorothy Rey; Donna; Jan Hoffmann; Amanda Peters; those affected by COVID-19; John Philip & family; residents in Senior Living Centers; lasting peace throughout the world

Coffee & Donut Hour is back in Fellowship Hall!



After worship, please join us for
coffee, donuts, and conversation in Fellowship Hall!

Volunteers are needed to help with Coffee Hour!
If you can help, please call Mary Hillestad at 618-281-7204.

Little Friends Preschool

Our own Little Friends Preschool is now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year! The registration fee is \$110 (non-refundable) and tuition is \$110 per month.

Little Friends is also in need of substitute teachers.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in enrollment or substitute teaching, contact Jody Taake by email at preschool@stpaulcolumbia.org or through Facebook Messenger, by searching Little Friends Preschool, Columbia, Illinois.

O God in Heaven

Elena G. Maquiso, 1961

Transl. D. T. Niles, 1964; alt.

1 O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
 2 Je - sus Re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and
 3 Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the

bless-ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, Grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
 pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, Your call to fol - low, your love to -
 wea - ry, help for the need - y, Hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the

nite us— O God in heav - en, auth - or of love.
 mor - row— Je - sus Re - deem - er, sav - ior and friend.
 mourn - ful— Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

This hymn, by Philippine composer and writer Elena G. Maquiso, has appeared in a number of international hymn collections. Professor Maquiso is known for her research on indigenous hymnody of the Philippines, where she has served on the faculty of Silliman University.

Tune: HALAD 5.5.5.5.
 Elena G. Maquiso, 1961
 Harm. Cantate Domino, 1980

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find,
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Ps. 5:3; 59:16–17

Katholischer Gesangbuch, 1828
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song.

one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, “O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . .”

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868