



August 20, 2023 – Livestream
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Intrada

J. Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To every tired body, Christ gives strength.

People: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: To every weary soul, Christ gives hope.

People: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: To every troubled mind, Christ gives peace.

People: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: To every hungry heart, Christ gives joy.

People: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

*OPENING HYMN #2084

Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

***Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies:
who died to save the world he made, and rose triumphant from the dead;
he rose, the Prince of life and peace, and stamped the day forever his.***

***This is the day the Lord has made, that all may see his love displayed,
may feel his resurrection's power, and rise again, to fall no more,
in perfect righteousness renewed, and filled with all the life of God.***

***Then let us render him his own, with solemn prayer approach his throne,
with meekness hear the gospel word, with thanks his dying love record,
our joyful hearts and voices raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise.***

OPENING PRAYER

**God, who welcomes us into the sanctuary of your grace,
bind our hearts to one another with cords of love,
to keep us from falling into sin
and to lift us into hope,
through Jesus Christ, our faithful Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

High and lifted up in all the earth is who you are. Lord, we exalt your name.
O Lord, we praise you, O Lord, high and lifted up.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #850

Psalm 133

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

**People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life for evermore.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joan Barclay

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #2222

The Servant Song

v.1-4

***Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.***

***We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.***

***I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.***

***I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy Sell

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2007 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY SOLO *Because He Lives* arr. B. Olstad
Cheri Brightman, alto saxophone

*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for Christ who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Solution* Brandon Wallace

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
***Blest 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 each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.***

***When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. R. Oh
Cheri Brightman, soprano saxophone

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy P. Esterline on what would have been her 109th birthday, August 20th, by her family.

Today, after the 11am service, please join us in The Gathering Center for a farewell reception for Tim Williams.

Upcoming Events

Acolyte Training, August 20, 9:45-10:45am

Lydia Circle, August 22, 7:00pm

Miriam Circle, August 24, 12:30pm

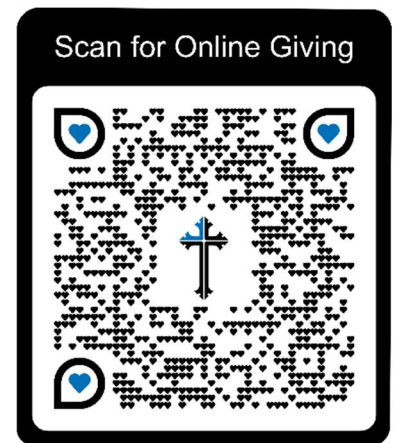
Celebration of Ministries, August 27
between services and after 11:00am service

Young Adult Canoe Trip, August 27, 3:00pm

Youth and Family Pool Party, September 3

Farmer's Market, September 7, 4:00-6:00 pm

Worship Without Walls and Cookout, September 10, 11:00am
(no 8:30am service)



This week's worship leaders:

Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*

Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*

Joan Barclay, *Liturgist*

John Hague, James Horton & Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon, *Music Director*

Kathleen Custer, *Guest Organist, Associate Organist 1982-89*