



August 16, 2026 – Livestream
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. R. Hobby

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God;

People: may all the peoples praise you!

Leader: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**People: because you judge the peoples with justice
and guide every nation on earth.**

*OPENING HYMN #140

Great is Thy Faithfulness

***Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.***

***Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

***Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]***

***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]***

OPENING PRAYER

**We come, O God,
as wounded and weary people trusting in your faithfulness.
We come seeking the peace that only Christ can bring.
Send your Spirit with the gift of forgiveness
that creates the hope of reconciliation for all people. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

arr. D. W. Music
Summer Choir

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candleflame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.

Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 133

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

**People: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
running down over 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 commanded the blessing,
life for evermore.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Curtis Hurley

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister and to love the name of the Lord,
and to be God's servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

v.1,3,5

***Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.***

***Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.***

***Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jill Moffett

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Vesperae solennes de Confessore, K.V. 339

W. A. Mozart

(sung in Latin)

V. Laudate Dominum

Amy Cuomo, mezzo-soprano

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all peoples.
For his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*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

Genesis 45:1-15

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Dramatic Conclusion

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2169

God, How Can We Forgive

God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?

How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?

***When human loving fails and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.***

***When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe?***

The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.

A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.

***Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?***

No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.

As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.

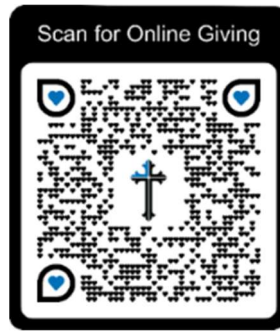
*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

A. D. Miller

*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 112th birthday, August 20th, by her family.*



Upcoming Events:

LGBTQ+ Dinner
August 18, 6:00pm, The Amp at 16 Tech

Farmers Market
Thursdays from 4-6pm: August 20 and September 3

Worship Without Walls
September 13, 11:00am

New Member Class Begins
September 13, 10:00am

Choir Rehearsal Resumes
September 10, 7:00pm

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