

## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 July 2021

10:00 a.m.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Silent Reflection:** “C.S. Lewis has written that a critical point in his journey of faith was what he called *the conversion of the imagination*; that is, the moment at which he began to look at what the world alleges are prosaic and mundane data and to see them in revelations of something vastly more richly significant than appears at first glance.”

- William Muehl, *Why Preach? Why Listen?* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1986), 20.

**Words of Welcome** - Welcome, dear friends. Because nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39), we have gathered to respond in worship and praise. Please fill out the attendance card in your bulletin and drop them in the offering plates at the end of the service. Thank you!

### WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

**Prelude:** *El Buen Pastor (The Good Shepherd)*

Rosalia Lopez (United States, b. 1977)

**Call to Worship:** (Psalm 37)

Trust in the Lord and do good, so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

**Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act.**

Let us worship God.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Opening Hymn:** No. 15 (vs. 1-3)

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**You try to teach us compassion, O God, while we continue to practice selfishness. You implore us to place our trust in you, while we create idols of our own making. You send Jesus Christ as a witness that you will not forsake us, while we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. We are your people, O God. Help us to dwell in the shelter of your promise. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## Hymn to the Glory of God:

Fintan O'Carroll, 1981

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOD'S WORD IS SPOKEN TO US

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 3:1-13, 22-24

Pew Bible p. 3-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Lauryn Austen Chang

**Hymn:** No. 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

*St. Denio*

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 14:13-21

Pew Bible p. 19

**Sermon:**

### WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE LEFTOVERS?

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Jensen

## GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

#### Joys and Concerns

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these joys to you,"  
the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God.**"

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these concerns to you,"  
the congregation responds, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*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.*

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

**Hymn of Commitment:** No. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*Resignation*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** *Finale, from Trio Sonata #1 in E Flat Major*

J.S. Bach (Germany, 1685-1750)

**The Service is Ended, Go in Peace.**

