

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 2017**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music **Jan Mauck**
 Welcome and Announcements **Brice Smith**
 Prelude **Pastoral** **by Charles Wesley**

***Call to Worship** **Thanksgiving and Praise**

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the false gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Psalm 138 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

***Song of Praise** **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** **501**

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith **Cornerstone** **WT**

Community and Congregational Guided Prayer

Special Music **The Lord's Prayer** **Rogene Moody, Soprano**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament **Exodus 1:8-2:10**

A Reading from the Apostles **Romans 12:1-8**

***Responsorial** **Rock of Ages** **384**

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Special **Hymn** **Caleb Simper**

Children's Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

***Scripture and Prayer of Illumination** **Matthew 16:13-20**

Message: **"The Keys to Heaven and Hell"**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song** **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** **Postlude in C Major** **Felix Mendelssohn**

**Please stand if able*

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR ABWM PROJECT

– American Baptist Women are seeking to raise \$31,500.00 this year to help the Baptist University of Congo (UNIBAC) support core faculty and visiting professors, improve teaching facilities, expand library resources and support the program for wives of pastoral candidates. It is anticipated that, by 2018, this project will help UNIBAC to prepare 15 pastors each year with skills relevant to the needs of ministry in rural parishes, and to graduate's of 60 students each year who will staff Congolese Baptist schools, serve in the agricultural industry in the region or contribute to rural development projects. ABWM is a Christ-centered ministry with a commitment to encourage and empower women and girls to serve God. **Envelopes are available**



in the pews or make your gift “ABWM Project.”

THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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