

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF GENERAL TIME JULY 22, 2018

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

### Centering Ourselves for Worship:

- God, who created the world for peace;
  - Christ, who offered yourself as a sacrifice for reconciliation;
  - Spirit, who reconciles every nation and race:
- May our heartfelt worship of you begin and never end.

### Gathering Music and Prelude

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**  
Jan Mauck

**Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time**    **Brice Smith**

**\*Opening Song**                    **“Firm Foundation”**                    **410**

### \*Call to Worship:

Come away to a desert place,  
**For God is not contained in houses of cedar!**  
Come away to a desert place,  
**For God is the rock of our salvation!**  
Christ is our peace!  
**Through Jesus Christ, we have access to God in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, as Christ’s body, let us unite to worship the Lord!**

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship: Year B (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books), 2013.

### \*Invocational Prayer

**Song of Faith**                    **“In Christ Alone”**                    **Worship Team**

**Community and Congregational Prayer – 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. Lead

us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**A Reading from the Old Testament**                    **2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

**A Reading from the New Testament**                    **Ephesians 2:11-22**

**\*A Reading from the Gospel**                    **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

**\*Responsorial**                    **“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”**                    **470**

**Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**Children’s Message**    (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**Message**                    **“An Ellipsis...Falling Short”**  
**The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

## RESPONDING TO THE LORD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

**\*Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – 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**                    **“Healer of My Soul”**                    **633**

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                    **Janet Nyfeler**  
*\*Please stand if able*

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**GENERAL TIME** – Trinity Sunday (May 27, 2018) begins the long liturgical season of General Time. Worshipers focus on the spiritual and numerical growth of God’s people during the twenty-three weeks after Pentecost Sunday. The Season of Pentecost (General Time) ends on Christ the King Sunday (November 25, 2018).

**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Acolytes (July)** – Sago Poe and Jessa Greuter

**Communion Servers (July)** – Marianne Spano, Dave Martin, John Swain, and Fran Seymour-Hunter.

**Evangelism Counselor (July)** –

**Greeters (July)** –

**Scripture Reader** – Jan Mauck

**Ushers (July)** – Larry Dell, Ernie Longstaff, Don Morris and Doug Mauck

**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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