

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY GENERAL TIME AUGUST 26, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Centering Ourselves for Worship: Eternal Spirit, I clothe myself in you, taking faith and righteousness, peace and salvation as my whole armor, and your word as my holy sword, that I may stand against the powers of evil and boldly proclaim the mystery faith.

Gathering and Prelude *"Ain'a That Good News"* Double Stuf

Nate Imperato, bass Jonathan Andrews, baritone

Derek Griffe, tenor Matt Smith, lead

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

Sunday School Presentation of Bibles Alice Payne

*Opening Song "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" 513

*Call to Worship:

Happy is everyone who trusts in the Lord!

Let us sing for joy to the living God!

O how I long for the presence of the God.

**One day in your house is better than a thousand
elsewhere, O Lord!**

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live
in the tents of wickedness!

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord God of hosts!

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

*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "Better is One Day" WT

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 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

A Reading from the Psalter Psalm 84

A Reading from the New Testament Ephesians 6:10-20

*A Reading from the Gospel John 6:56-69

*Responsorial "Wonderful Words of Life" 668

Moment for Missions American Baptist Women's Ministries

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory "It Is Well With My Soul" Double Stuf

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

Message "Turning Your Back on the Word of Life"
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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" 405

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude "Yes Indeed" Double Stuf

*Please stand if able

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 General Time ends on Christ the King Sunday (November 25, 2018).

WORSHIP LEADERS:

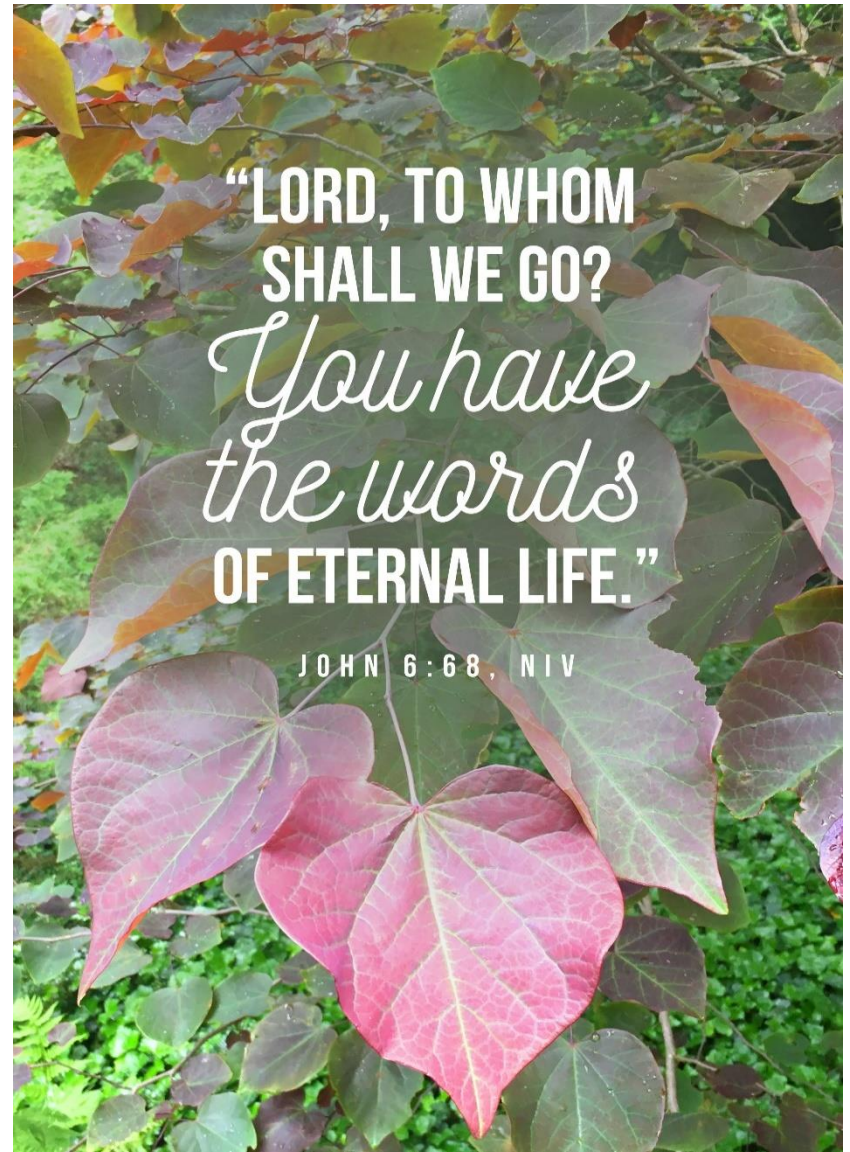
- Acolytes (August)** – Pat Carpenter and David Greuter
- Communion Servers (September)** – Pat Carpenter, Amy Cripe, Don Johnson, and Steve May.
- Scripture Reader** – Jan Mauck
- Ushers (August)** – Clarence Payne, Bill Merrifield, John Swain, and Don Johnson

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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