

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY GENERAL TIME AUGUST 5, 2018

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Centering Ourselves for Worship:** Bread of Heaven, come down! Give life to the world! Bread of Life, come down, that we might feed each other and be filled!

**Gathering and Prelude** “I Will Sing of the Mercies”  
Jan Mauck

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

**\*Opening Song** “The Church's One Foundation” 544

### \*Call to Worship:

We see ourselves in the mirror of stories.

**Now let us reflect upon the stories of God.**

We see our win in the window of the Word.

**Now let us be open to the prophecies of God.**

We see the way of salvation in Christ.

**Come, Spirit of Christ, and open our eyes, change our minds, and warm our hearts as we gather to worship you and our Heavenly Father, in spirit and in truth.**

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

### \*Invocational Prayer

**Song of Faith** “We Fall Down”

**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.

**Song** “Fill My Cup, Lord”

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**A Reading from the Old Testament** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

**A Reading from the New Testament** Ephesians 4:1-16

**\*A Reading from the Gospel** John 6:24-35

**\*Responsorial** The Greater Family

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

**Offertory** “God Leads Us Along” by Lisa Hockstra

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

**Message** “Bread Which Gives Life to the World”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table** – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†**Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord**

**\*Song** “Come to the Table”

**The Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)**  
The Body of Christ – The Bread of Heaven  
The Blood of Christ – The Cup of Salvation

**The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy**

## 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**                    **“Softly and Tenderly” (Stz. 1, 3)**                    **348**

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Robert Thygerson**                    **Janet Nyfeler, Choir Director and Organist**

*\*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:**

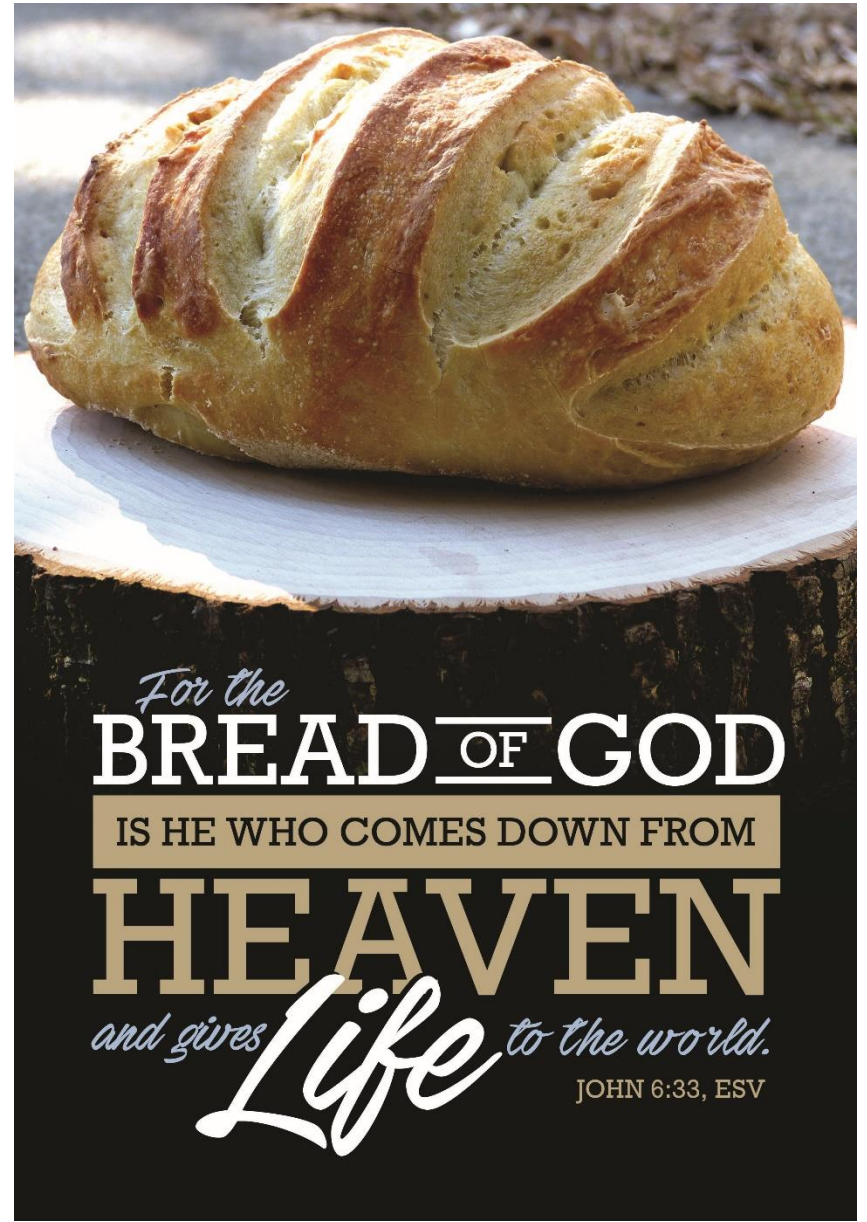
- Acolytes (August)** – Pat Carpenter and David Greuter
- Communion Servers (August)** – Pat Carreno, Steve May, Jan Mansfield, and Mark Calloway
- Scripture Reader** – Jan Mauck
- Ushers (August)** – Clarence Payne, Bill Merrifield, John Swain, and Don Johnson

**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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