

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude "How Majestic is Your Name"
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Opening #349 "Seek Ye First" *Maranatha! Music*
Matthew Smith, Music Director

*Call to Worship

Lord God the Holy Ghost, in this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost, descend in all thy power.
We meet with one accord in our appointed place,
And wait the promise of our Lord, the Spirit of all grace.
The young, the old, inspire with wisdom from above;
**And gives us heart and tongues of fire, to prayer, and praise,
and love.**
Spirit of truth, be thou in life and death our guide;
O Spirit of adoption, now may we be sanctified.
"Lord God, the Holy Ghost," James Montgomery (1819-1892),
English hymn, © public domain

*Invocation Prayer

*Song "The Power Of Your Love" *Geoff Bullock*
"Change My Heart O God" *Eddie Espinosa*
"You Are My All in All" *Dennis Jernigan*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Genesis 29:15-28

A Reading from the Psalter Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Praise the Lord and pray in his name!
Tell everyone what God has done.
Sing praises to the Lord!

Talk about his miracles.

Celebrate and worship his holy name with all your heart.

Trust the Lord and his mighty power.

Remember his miracles and all his wonders and his fair decisions.

You belong to the family of Abraham, his servant; you are his chosen ones, the descendants of Jacob.

The Lord is our God, bringing justice everywhere on earth.

God will never forget his agreement or his promises, not in thousands of years.

God made an eternal promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, when he said, "I'll give you the land of Canaan."

Shout praises to the LORD!

A Reading from the New Testament Romans 8:26-39

*A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before Almighty God and one another
[silent recollection]

For those times we have actively deceived others for our own benefit:

Please forgive us, Lord.

For those times we have participated in the deceits of silence:

Please forgive us, Lord.

For the injuries our deceits have inflicted upon the innocent:

Please forgive us, Lord.

For the ways we have supported systems of scandals and snares:

Please forgive us, Lord.

May the Spirit put to death the selfishness in each of us, help us to know ourselves forgiven and to live as children of God.

We pray to the Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Offertory Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Message **“Jacob: Is God Watching the Tricksters?”**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

The Prayers of the People and The Lord’s 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 the glory forever.

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

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

***Song** **“You Never Let Go”** *Beth & Matt Redman*

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude

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**Please stand if able*



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We know that all things
work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called
according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28, NRSV

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