TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 23, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude "The Gentle Shepherd"

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening "Holy Spirit" Worship Team
Matthew Smith, Music Director

*Call to Worship

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

I sing your praise before all other gods.

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

For you have exalted above all things, your name and your word.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Psalm 138:1-2, 7-8a (English Standard Version Bible)

*Invocation Prayer

Song "This Is Our God" Worship Team

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

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

A Reading from the Psalter Psalm 124:1-8

If it had not been the Lord, who was on our side – let Israel now say –

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us,

Then they would have swallowed us up alive,

When their anger was kindled against us;

Then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us;

Then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped!

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

A Reading from the Apostles Romans 12:1-8

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

*Response #559 "Here I Am Lord" Daniel Schutte

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.

Offertory Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Children's Sermon

The Message "Xenophobia and the Promise of Salvation"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

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 #574 "I'm Gonna Love So God Can Use Me"

African-American spiritual

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude

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*Please stand if able

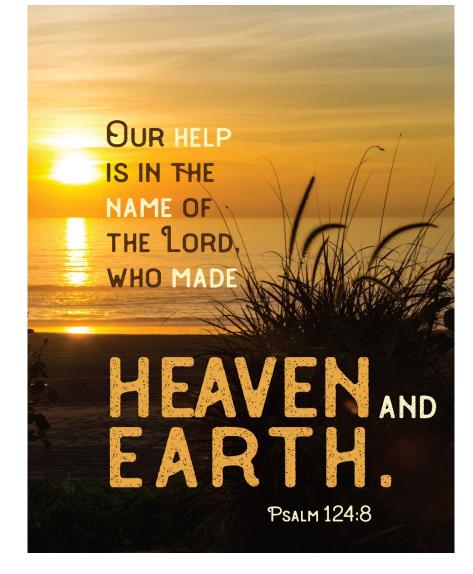
THE LORD'S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please cup your hands to receive the sanitary communion wafer and juice sealed in small containers. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to receive homebound communion delivery.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – We practice "believer's baptism," which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

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