

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST AUGUST 30, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
J.S. Bach setting
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening #426 “Blessed Assurance” *F. Crosby*
Matthew Smith, Music Director

*Call to Worship

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.

Psalm 105:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

*Invocation Prayer

Songs #255 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *E. Clephane*
“The Wonderful Cross” WT

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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the Apostles Romans 12:9-21

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

Solo Response “Were You There?” Matt Smith

Children’s Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication –

Offertory Special Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

A Prayer of Illumination

The Message “Following Jesus: A Life of Genuine Love”
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 #348 “Softly and Tenderly” *W. Thompson*

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist
*Please stand if able

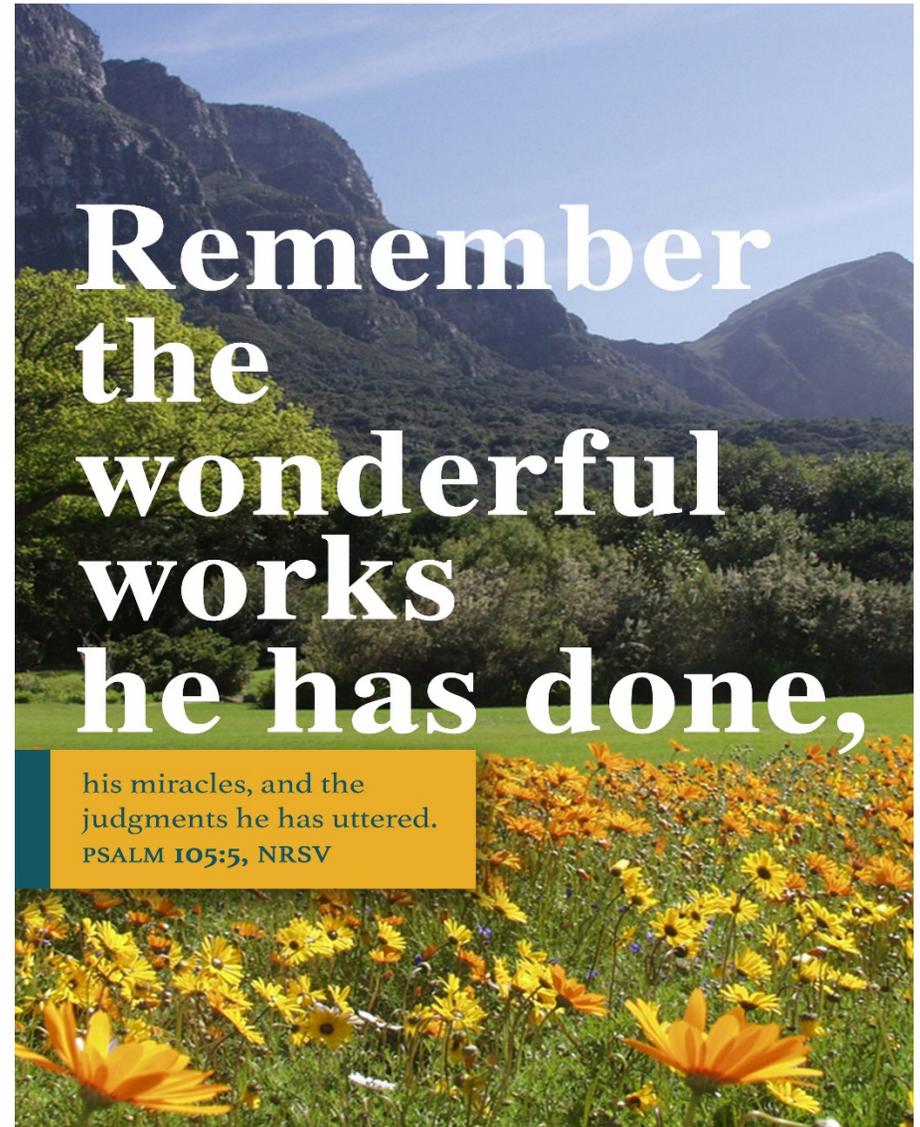
THE LORD'S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only 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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