

# THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

\*Opening Song (Stand) #649 "Gather Us In" *Gather Us In*

### \*Call to Worship (Stand)

Call upon the Lord, O people.

Let your voice be heard in heaven!

**Show us your steadfast love, O Lord.**

**For we seek refuge in you.**

Call upon the Lord. Place your trust in God.

Ask the Lord for eternal blessing.

**Show us your face, O wondrous God.**

**Let your will for us become our greatest joy.**

Call upon the Lord, O people.

Trust in God, who anticipates all your needs.

**Grant us true bread for our journey.**

**Fill us with your Word, that our hunger may be satisfied.**

†Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

### \*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith "Goodness of God" Worship Team

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Angie Foster

The First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

The Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Matthew 14:13-21

\*Responsorial #BH 429 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

\*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

The Children's Sermon

Announcements & Prayers of the Community

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.



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Prayer of Dedication & Offertory Special – God of Compassion, you are quick to anticipate our needs and to provide for us plentifully. With confidence in your grace, we offer you this portion of our provisions that we might give, in our small way, as you give in such large and wonderful ways. Sanctify these gifts and guide us in their use for your ministry of kindness and compassion.

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation & Words of Institution

Communion Song # "Fill my Cup Lord" Worship Team

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, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

The Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

The Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

## WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

\*Closing Hymn (Stand) # BH 414 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

\*Spoken Benediction

Postlude

Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God that you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



**OUR MISSION** – We love God and people by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation and World.



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