

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 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) # "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Worship Team

*Call to Worship (Stand)

Seek the Lord and rejoice!

Tell the world of God's wonderful works!

Jesus is risen! We declare it is true and trust it in our hearts.

All who call on his name shall be saved!

Give thanks to the Lord, Sing God's praises.

How beautiful are the feet of the one who brings good news!

Jesus is Lord! We confess it to the world!

But how will they believe it unless we proclaim it?

The Word of God is very near you!

Christ is on your lips and in your hearts!

Jesus is the righteous One we proclaim.

By this Word of faith we are saved.

†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 #511 BH "My Hope is Built" WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Angie Foster

The First Reading Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

The Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Mathew 14:22-33

*Responsorial #123 BH "Children of the Heavenly Father" TRYGGARE KAN

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

The Children's Sermon

Announcements & Prayers of the Community 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.

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

Prayer of Dedication: Our Holy Maker, your righteousness so abounds in your creation that your light ever shines before our eyes; your Word so resounds throughout your creation that your wisdom ever rings in our ears. As we release our hold on these small things and surrender them to you, so wash over us with your grace and mercy that we might forget all we have done, rejoice in what you have done, and remind the world of your goodness in Christ Jesus!



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Offertory Special

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND 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.

*Closing Hymn (Stand) # "Firm Foundation" Worship Team

*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 meeting of the congregation. 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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