

Order of Worship + August 23, 2020
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister

of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song **“Built on the Rock” LBW #365 (vss. 1-3)**

365 Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are
2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are
dwell - ing; High in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly
ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us
bless - ing; Hith - er we come to praise his name, Faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove Deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

Salutation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, your mercy endures forever, revealed through your Son's life, death, and resurrection. With faithful followers of all generations, make us boldly declare Jesus as Lord and proclaim his redeeming and reconciling work to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 51:1–6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; ²look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. ³The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

⁴“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 138

*Prayed responsively with the congregation reading the words in **bold***

L: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

L: When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

C: May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed.

L: May they sing of the ways of the Lord, For the glory of the Lord is great.

C: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

C: The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever - do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Lesson

Romans 11:33–12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴“Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”

³⁶For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Announcement

Matthew 16:13–20

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Kyle Jones

Sermon Song Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service LBW #423

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service 423

F B^b Am⁷ Dm F B^b F

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home - less; Still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light

F B^b Am⁷ Dm F B^b F

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,

F C Dm C Dm B^b maj⁷

We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,

C Dm B^b F Gm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F

Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 By your Spir - it send your pow - er To our world to make it whole.
 Stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

Apostles Creed

A: Let us profess the faith of the Church with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

A: Holy Father, help us to rightly confess Christ is Lord by being conformed to his image and not to the world. Transform us by your living Word and renew our minds so that we may discern your good and righteous will.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We commend into your gracious care all students, teachers, administrators and parents who are preparing for this upcoming school year in a very different landscape. Grant wisdom and forbearance to all those who navigate the education of students during this time. Bless all those who teach and all those who learn, that your knowledge would enlighten their lives and draw them

nearer to yourself.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who hold offices of authority, that they would govern with equity and honesty, be free from greed, and serve the needs of their constituents by acting wisely and justly. Bring about your peace in the world, and begin in us by reigning in our hearts with the peace of Christ.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We praise you Father that though you are high and exalted, you care for the lowly. Comfort those who are brought low by anxiety or despair. May they know that you are not far off from their troubles but see them and hear their cries for help.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O Lord our God, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are dear to us that suffer affliction or distress in mind, body, vocation, finances, or relationships. Pour out your healing mercies upon them, and especially upon Elizabeth Scott and Bishop Emeritus John Bradowsky. We praise you that their injuries were not as severe as they could have been and ask you to grant them hope and endurance in their long recoveries.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Music "Amazing Grace/Light of God" Chris Dudzik

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

May the light of God shine on us today
May the light of God shine on us today
May he show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray
May the light of God shine on us today

May the love of God live in us today
May the love of God live in us today
May the warmth we feel within us, show in all we so and say
May the love of God live in us today

May the peace of God be with us today
May the peace of God be with us today
May he guide us and protect us as we go our separate ways
May the peace of God be with us today

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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