



Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 2, 2012

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs -1st grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....arr. Schultz
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder: We have come to listen for what God seeks to teach us.
God has given us birth by the word of truth.

PEOPLE: **WE ARE DRAWN TO GOD'S COMPASSION AND LOVE FOR HIS CREATION.
WE LEAP FOR JOY WHEN WE KNOW GOD'S CARE.**

Elder: Every perfect gift comes to us from God.
God's image is a part of each one of us.

PEOPLE: **GOD'S GRACE HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR LIVES.
WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING ARE OFFERED TO US.**

Elder: Who will dwell on God's holy hill?
Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.

UNISON: **WE WILL HONOR GOD BY HONORING OUR NEIGHBORS.
WE WILL ACT TOWARDS THEM AS WE WISH TO BE TREATED.**

***WORSHIP HYMN**.....CH. 100
When Morning Gilds the Skies

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Jonathan Martel

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our hearts overflow with longing too great for words, gracious God. You have been so good to us, yet we are dissatisfied. We have many things to enjoy, but seldom have we found our home with you. Meet us here to anoint us with the oil of gladness. Awaken us with singing and speak your truth to draw us away from the lure of wickedness. May this time of worship help us to become a wise and understanding people, eager to live as the body of Christ, making a difference in the world as Jesus did so long ago on the Galilean shore. In the name of the one who raises us and gives us life, Christ our Lord, we pray this day, *"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. 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**.....CH. 35

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 847).....Luke 12:13-21

ANTHEM.....arr. Messiter
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

SECOND READING (pg 499).....Psalm 128

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill
That For Which We Labor

SILENT MEDITATION

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Banks Elwell
Shout to the Lord

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty you entrust to our stewardship, O God of light. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and give us your work to do. As you have freed us from the chains of sin, we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and do. Bless our offering of self and substance, we pray. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**.....CH. 46

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 413
Take Our Bread

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Bob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....David McCrickard

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. East Wells
I Need Thee Every Hour

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us.
It is by His invitation we are fed.*

You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 461**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

*** BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Anne Berk, Hannah Berk, Kim Powell, Betty McCrickard



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that
you will experience God's presence in the week ahead.
See you next Sunday!*



Bread of Life Ministry

We offer a loaf of fresh bread to first time visitors. Please indicate your presence during worship.



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