

and ever." Amen.

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 23, 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 G.F. Händel Air from Water Music Suite *CALL TO WORSHIP Elder: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. Happy are those who find delight in God's law. PEOPLE: GOD IS ALWAYS NEARER THAN OUR NEXT BREATH. WE GATHER TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THAT PRESENCE Elder: Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous. They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding. PEOPLE: THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO DISCOVER THAN WE KNOW. GOD IS OUR TEACHER AND HELPER AND JUDGE. Elder: Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve. Learn to be peaceable, gentle and merciful. UNISON: WE SEEK TO DO GOOD AND NOT HARM ALL OUR DAYS. WE WOULD OPEN OUR HANDS TO THE POOR AND NEEDY. We Gather Together BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Lauren Terry *INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER You watch over us, O God, and show us the way to prosper in life, not so much in things as in relationships that contribute to our wholeness and well-being. Thank you for meeting us here and helping us to deal with our selfish ambition, disorder and conflicts. We submit ourselves to you for instruction. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you, voicing our doubts as well as our faith,

*GLORIA PATRI CH. 35

our hypocrisy along with all that is deeply genuine. Create in us a space for quiet listening and thoughtful meditation. In the name of 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

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD		
FIRST READING (pg 586)	Isaiah 43:14-21	
ANTHEM	arr. Tolmage	
Chorale: St Antoni		
SECOND READING (pg 821)		
SERMON	Rev. Cyd Cowgill	
Children, All		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE		
GIFTS OPEN DOORS.		
OFFERTORY	arr. Kahl	
Alleluia		
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		

We who have spent much on our own pleasures are pleased to share so that others may obtain the necessities of body and spirit. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to support the ministry and mission of our congregation. May there be a harvest of righteousness among us, shown in the peaceful handling of disputes, in mutual love and support, and in courageous outreach to people near and far who need the help we can give. Bless each gift and giver. Amen.

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*THE DOXOLOGY	СН. 46	
COMMUNION INVITATION		
COMMUNION HYMN. CH. 425 Let Us Break Bread Together		
PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.	Mary Peris	
PRAYER FOR THE CUP.	Bob Nutting	
DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS	arr. Renfrow	

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

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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

Cindy Wallace, Emily Nutting, Pam Brown, William Brown

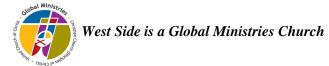


Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today. We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. See you next Sunday!



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a loaf of fresh bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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