



The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

July 13, 2014

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Children ages 3 yrs – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.*) †

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has searched us and knows us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

**PEOPLE: GOD SEARCHES OUT OUR PATH AND OUR LYING DOWN.
GOD IS ACQUAINTED WITH ALL OUR WAYS.**

Leader: Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it. God's hand is ever available to guide us.

**PEOPLE: SUCH KNOWLEDGE IS A WONDER TO US.
IT IS BEYOND ANYTHING WE CAN ATTAIN.**

Leader: We cannot escape from God's spirit. There is nowhere to flee from God's presence.

**UNISON: DARKNESS IS AS LIGHT TO OUR GOD.
GOD ILLUMINATES THE WAY BEFORE US.**

***WORSHIP HYMN**CH. 72
To God Be the Glory

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**.....Abbi Kilburn

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. We gather with eager longing to know You, ever-present God, and to be known by You. We want to live as Your beloved children. Assure us in these moments that You hear our prayers, even as Your will is revealed to us. Fill our dreams and our waking hours with radiant hope. May every time of encounter move us to awe and fervent worship. Lead us in Your way everlasting. In the name of the One whose Spirit gives us life and freedom, 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 the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**.....CH. 35
Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (*pg 862*).....John 1:1-5

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.....CH. 570
Sweet Hour of Prayer

SECOND READING.....Isaiah 55:11 KJV

MESSAGE.....Gideon, Carl Stringfield
The Word of God Around the World

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Goldston
The Old Rugged Cross

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You, God, for the rich heritage of faith we have received from our ancestors. We are grateful that Your spirit is ever with us, assuring us for Your acceptance and love. May our offerings share this good news with other children of God who have not yet discovered their identity. May all of us grow in righteousness that we might together experience the reality of your realm in our daily lives, here and now and for all eternity. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**.....CH. 528
Give Thanks

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 330 (vs. 1)
Alleluia! Hear God's Story

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Debbie Friberg

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Bob Nutting

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Roth Roubos
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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 CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 618 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)**

How Firm a Foundation

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**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth attend LIVE BIG!*

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Carey Ward, Donna Nutting, Debra Trevino, Kathryn Bean



*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 homemade loaf of 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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