



# The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

August 3, 2014

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY**

**PRELUDE**.....arr. Thygerson  
*Lead Me Lord*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come away from dullness and complacency. Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

**PEOPLE: THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING THE GLORY OF GOD.  
THE FIRMAMENT PROCLAIMS GOD’S HANDIWORK.**

Leader: How long will we refuse the wisdom God offers?  
How long will we ignore God’s counsel and reproof?

**PEOPLE: THE LAW OF GOD IS PERFECT, REVIVING THE SOUL.  
THE DECREES OF GOD ARE SURE, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.**

Leader: Our waywardness separates us from God. Then, when we call on God, we hear no answer.

**UNISON: WE GATHER TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.  
WE SEEK ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE REVIVAL OF OUR SOULS.**

**\*WORSHIP HYMN** .....CH. 4 (vs. 1, 2, 4)  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

God of all wisdom, renew our sense of awe and wonder as we gather before You, the Source of all knowledge. Make Your Word known to us, and stretch out Your hand to touch us. Draw us away from our own devices that we may truly listen to the witness of all creation speaking of wonders we have ignored. Give us eyes to see beauty in all that is around us. Align us with truth and righteousness. Quiet our scoffing and awake our trust. Show us the disciplines we need to stay in touch with You each day. In the name of the One whose cross-bearing life shows us the way, Christ our Lord, we pray this day, saying, “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 509*).....Proverbs 1:20-33

**ANTHEM**.....arr. Lundberg  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**SECOND READING** (*pg 820*).....Mark 8:27-38

**SERMON**.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill  
*Where Does Your Cross Lead?*

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**MORNING PRAYER**

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY**.....arr. Allen  
*Open My Eyes*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord God, we offer the treasures of this world as a way of calling us back to a right relationship with You. You, God, are the source of all wisdom and truth. Your design for life is more to be desired than the finest gold. To learn from You and to serve You is our highest joy. May our offerings and our daily lives communicate this message. Amen.

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**.....CH. 46  
*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH. 387  
*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD**.....Ben Cowgill

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Carrie Kelly

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**.....arr. Rambo  
*Behold the Lamb*

*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. 337 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)**

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

*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.....arr. Larson**

*O God Our Help in Ages Past*

‡ *Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth remain in church*

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Rosemary Lahy, Nina Milam, Allen Wallace, A. J. Wells



*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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