



The Twenty First Sunday of Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE.....arr. Renfrow
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Emily Vinson

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

PEOPLE: **GOD’S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

Leader: Let the redeemer of the LORD say so,

PEOPLE: **WE WANDERED IN THE DESERT, HUNGRY AND THIRSTY,**

Leader: The LORD turns the desert into pools of water, and there lets the hungry live.

UNISON: **O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!**

*WORSHIP HYMNCH. 618 (vs. 1, 3, 5)
How Firm a Foundation

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Ivy Kelly

*INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, we come into Your sanctuary seeking Your path for the time to come. We come hoping to hear a word of reassurance that You are guiding our steps. We come, asking for Your help, and praying to know Your hope. Stir our spirits in this time of worship we pray. Let us also remember today those who have been the forerunners of faith in this community of faith at West Side Christian Church. Let us remember our brothers and sisters who died within the last year, who now live in glory with You. Let us remember their example of being a Christian, of being a Disciple of Christ. Teach us anew that we have a purpose and a mission in this life – and a vision of a life to come in eternity and glory with You. We are coming together in the spirit of Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who taught His disciples how to pray, 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 959*).....1Thessalonians 2:9-13

ANTHEM.....arr. Elrich
Festival Piece on “Sine Nomine”

SECOND READING (*pg 804*).....Matthew 23:1-12

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.
The Greatest Among You Will Be Your Servant

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

INVITAION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Sanborn
All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we bring our gifts before You, recognizing that all we have has been given by You. We ask that You bless this which we have returned to usher in Your reign on earth. You have given us Your approval – You have accepted us – help us to feel worthy of Your blessing – help us accept our own acceptance. We offer our gifts and ourselves out of love for You, and commitment to the work to which you call us. We thank You for Your gifts of life, of love, of grace, of beauty and of meaning in our lives. We are richly blessed and we are grateful to the members of Your family – beloved children of God, members of Your invisible kingdom in this world and in a world to come. Use these gifts to further Your kingdom in our midst – within and beyond the walls of this church, within and beyond the boundaries of Portsmouth, of Virginia, of the United States. Use these gifts to share the good news of Your boundless love for those who feel unloved and unlovable. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

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

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Diane Loftis

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....David McCrickard

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Berry
Be Still, My Soul

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. 606**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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 remain in church*

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Nina Milam, Cecil Dillon, Bubba Jenson, Christie 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 see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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