



# The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE.....arr. Sanborn  
*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Jonathan Martell

Leader: To You, O LORD, we lift up our eyes, You who are enthroned in the heavens.

PEOPLE: HAVE MERCY UPON US, O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Leader: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

PEOPLE: HAVE MERCY UPON US, O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Leader: So our eyes look to the LORD.

UNISON: HAVE MERCY UPON US, O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

\*WORSHIP HYMN .....CH. 66  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Anthony Martinez

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, have mercy upon us. As we come into the church this day, we humbly ask an awareness of Your presence. Let us know that when You call us to go, You journey with us. We are never alone. Guide us in this time of worship as we want to give You all the honor, glory and praise for Your guidance in our lives. We long to grow closer to You through Your son Jesus the Christ, who lived and died for us and who taught us how to live and 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 960).....1Thessalonians 5:1-11

SOLO *David McCrickard*.....arr. King  
*Amazing Grace*

SECOND READING (pg 807).....Matthew 25:14-30

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D  
*Five, Two, One: What Shall We Do with Our Talents*

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

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

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

OFFERTORY.....arr. Kahl  
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Oh God of Mercy and Hope. We give You thanks for the many talents that You have given to us and the many gifts and blessings that we enjoy each day, including the gifts and resources of money, food, and shelter. We come today to bring our gifts before You, offering them with the sincere hope they will be used to build up the body of Christ. Take these gifts and use them to multiply Your reign on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 398  
*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Debbie Friberg

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Tony Peris

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Carter  
*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*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. 714**

*For the Fruits of All Creation*

*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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades attend LIVE BIG!*

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

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Fran Gray, Debra Trevino, Donna Nutting, Carey Ward



*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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