



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

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

PRELUDE.....Jerry Ray
The Love of God

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Alex Everett

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.
Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

PEOPLE: **THE WORKS OF GOD ARE ALL AROUND US.
THOSE WHO SHARE IN GOD'S WORK LACK FOR NOTHING.**

Leader: We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.
We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

PEOPLE: **HOLY AND AWSOME IS GOD'S NAME.
THE FEAR OF GOD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM.**

Leader: Come, then, as wise and faithful people.
Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

UNISON: **WE ARE AMAZED THAT GOD REMEMBERS US.
WE REACH OUT TO THE GOD WHO CARES FOR US.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Lexi Kilburn

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 284
Gather Us In

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of steadfast love, Your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw us together to praise You and to celebrate Your wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and reign within the lives of each one gathered here, helping us to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in Your ways and keep Your commandments. We ask these in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us 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, and 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. 868)*.....John 6:51-58

ANTHEM

SECOND READING *(pg. 952)*.....Ephesians 5:15-20

MESSAGE.....Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Theodore Chanler
The Lamb

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Your generosity, O God, is beyond our deserving. You grant health to our bodies and minds. You surround us with vast resources and with people who love us. You allow us to make decisions about the use of our time and possessions and relationships. Thank You, God, for this opportunity to share with others some of what we have received. Help us to use all our gifts as you intend. Amen.

*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528
Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 408
Come, Share the Lord

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tony Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Mary Redmon

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....David Guion
Prayer

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. 452**

Here I Am, Lord

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.....Jerry Ray**

Heavenly Sunlight

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
3rd – 8th grades attend LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Mary Cornwell, Mary Peris, Sharon Jenson, Bubba Jenson



*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. We look forward to seeing 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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