



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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.)* †..... Megan Baines

PRELUDE.....J. S. Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Charles Kelly

Leader: With profound happiness, we welcome one another.
How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

PEOPLE: **HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO LIVE IN GOD'S HOUSE!
SINGING OUR PRAISE TO GOD FILL US WITH JOY.**

Leader: Here we welcome both friends and strangers.
All peoples of the earth are God's children.

PEOPLE: **WE GREET ONE ANOTHER BY NAME IN JESUS' NAME.
TOGETHER WE EXTOL THE NAME OF OUR GOD.**

Leader: Open your hearts to receive new strength.
Open your lives to renewed understanding.

UNISON: **SURELY, GOD WILL EQUIP US TO FACE OUR WORLD.
WE WILL BE AMBASSADORS FOR GOD WHEREVER WE GO.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Grant Gonsalves

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 276
We Gather Together

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We come together in this house of prayer, trusting You, O God, to give us everything we need. As You provide for the birds of the air, You supply life's necessities for Your children to share. We choose to respond to Your promises by identifying ourselves as Your servant people who seek to be guided by Your word. We gather to remember and reclaim Your covenant with us. Fleeing from tents of wickedness, we gather to do the tasks You entrust to us here, praying for strength to do our daily work as a ministry in Your name. 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. 441)*.....Psalm 34:15-22

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Allison and Emily Nutting

SECOND READING *(pg. 868)*.....John 6:56-69

MESSAGE.....Stephen Gray
Our Awesome God

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.....Meeting Our New Family

OFFERTORY.....John Carter
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May our giving add strength to the witness of Your church as we humbly seek Your truth and lovingly share it. Ready us to proclaim the gospel of peace in our homes, in our places of work and leisure, throughout our community and the world. Keep before Your people the awesome mystery of faith. May its power overcome the cynicism of our skeptical, self-serving age, uniting us in disciplines that are freeing and discipleship that is amazingly fulfilling. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 387
Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Lois Pyles

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....David McCrickard

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....J. S. Bach
My Life is Yours

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. 339 (vs. 1 & 4)**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

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**

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder

Youth attend LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Fran Gray, 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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