



# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2015

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

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

PRELUDE.....Jerry Ray

*In the Garden*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Emily Vinson

Leader: Come one and all to meet God here.  
Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.

PEOPLE: **WE HAVE COME THAT GOD MIGHT RAISE US UP.  
OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

Leader: Come, all who are weary and oppressed.  
God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.

PEOPLE: **GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS AND ANSWERS US.  
GOD EQUIPS US TO BE HELPFUL TO ONE ANOTHER.**

Leader: Come together to sing songs of praise to God.  
Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds.

UNISON: **GOD'S GLORY ABIDES IN THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP.  
GOD'S PRESENCE AND HELP ARE REAL.**

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

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 22

*All Creatures of our God and King*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

May all Your people find favor with You this day, God of majesty and power. Turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holiday, a holy day, in which to praise You and find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Lift us from our daily preoccupations that we may pray with earnest intent, both to Thank You and to be changed by You. Let our prayers be powerful and effective. May our worship be alive and life-changing. May the service we extend find favor in Your eyes, blessed God. 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. 821)*.....Mark 9:38-50

ANTHEM

SECOND READING *(pg. 982)*.....James 5:13-20

MESSAGE.....Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

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

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS.....Karen Hartzog

OFFERTORY.....John Carter

*The Gift of Love*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of Your church. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, seeking to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As You have accepted us, we reach out to include all Your children in the family of mutuality, self-revelation, and growing in love. Amen.

\*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 576

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Lois Pyles

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Cheryl Jarvis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....George Handel

*Angels, Ever Bright and Fair*

*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. 575**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

*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**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

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

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Allen Wallace, Kathryn Bean, Katie Mills, Ed Coe



*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!*

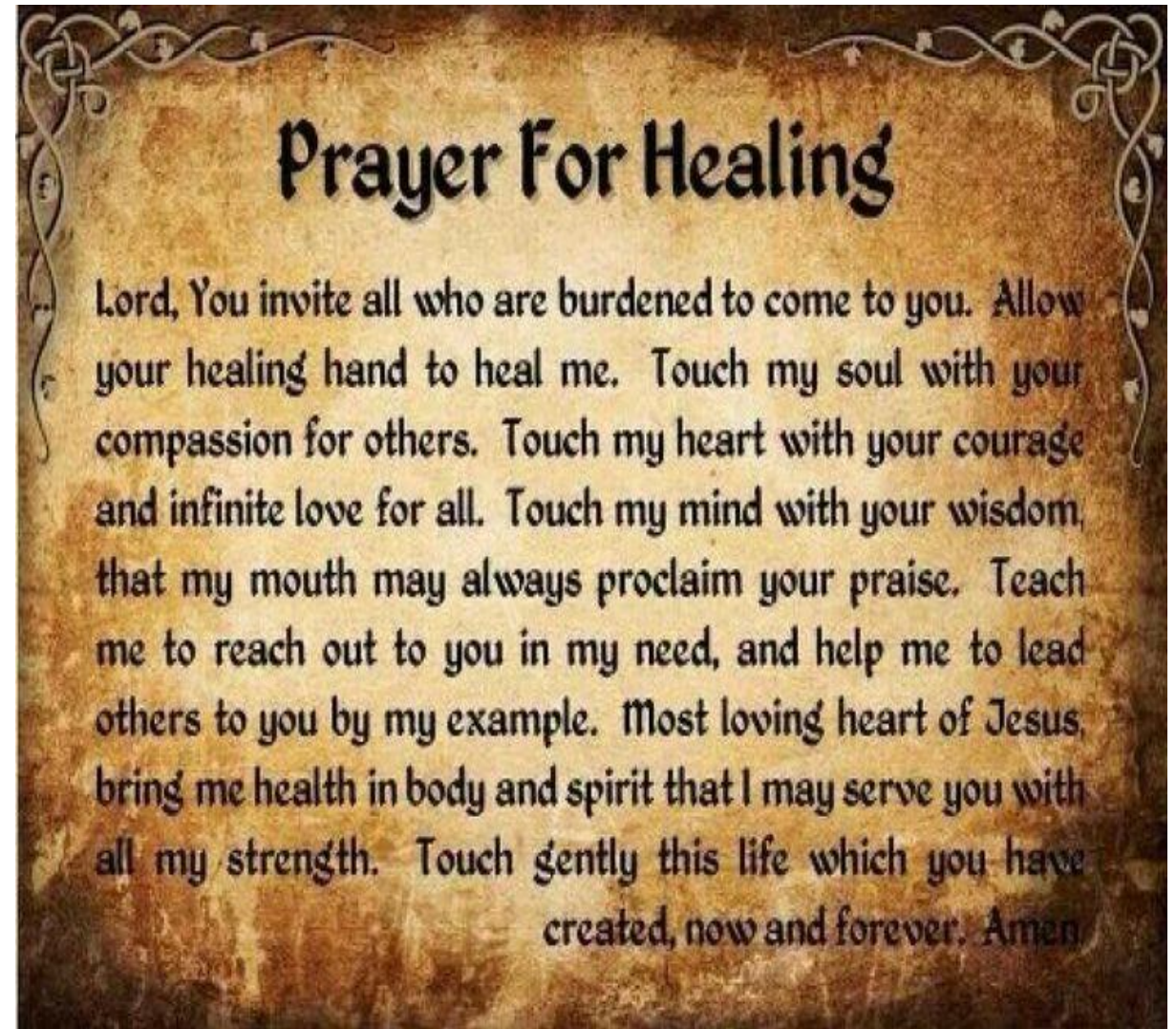


***The Welcome Loaf***

*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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# Prayer For Healing

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with your compassion for others. Touch my heart with your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim your praise. Teach me to reach out to you in my need, and help me to lead others to you by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve you with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever. Amen

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