

SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:00AM

OFFERING OF MUSIC Tranquil Rest Amy Gangel, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER
Prayer of Our Savior

WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE Jesus, Priceless Treasure Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

Jesus, priceless Treasure, / Source of purest pleasure, / Truest Friend to me;
Long my heart hath panted, / Till it well-nigh fainted, / Thirsting after thee.
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb, / I will suffer nought to hide thee, / Ask for nought beside thee.
- *Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*
Pilgrim Hymnal No. 222, stanza 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Whoever we are and wherever we are, we are the Church together! Let's join our hearts in prayer.
Holy One, you are gentle and powerful. You call worlds into being and nurture our lives. We are your own. We belong to one another, more siblings than strangers. Move among us as we worship you together, in Spirit and in truth, Amen.

*HYMN 21 (blue) Let the Whole Creation Cry

1. Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!
"Glory to God on high!" Alleluia!
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!
Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!
2. All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!
Prophets burning with God's word, Alleluia!
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!
Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!
3. Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!
Raise the anthem manifold, Alleluia!
Join with children's songs of praise, Alleluia!
Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Colossians 3:1-11

ALL AGES TOGETHER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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Interlude Jesus, Priceless Treasure David L. Almond
(b. 1943)

*Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedication of Offering

SECOND LESSON Luke 12:13-21

SERMON The Same, Only Different Pastor Small

*HYMN 494 (blue) They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
REFRAIN
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
REFRAIN
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:
REFRAIN
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
REFRAIN

COMMISSION:

One: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world,
let us remember the three great loves to which our faith calls us:
**All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor
as yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that
dwells therein.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jesus, Priceless Treasure Walthers

* *You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in gratitude for 50 years of wonderful marriage by Richard and Nirmala Slater.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

LUKE 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"' ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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