

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 28, 2022

10:00AM

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WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE Lord, keep us steadfast in your word Johann Pachelbel  
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; / Curb those who by deceit or sword (1653-1706)  
Would seek to overthrow your Son / And to destroy what he has done.  
- Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), stanza 1

\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

We are the Church together! Let's join our hearts in prayer.

**God of extravagant welcome, we gather with joy and thanks.**  
**You have called us to be your Beloved Community. Grant us**  
**wisdom and grace to share the bounty that you bestow on us. We**  
**worship you in the name and Spirit of Jesus. Amen.**

\*HYMN 23 (red) Ye Holy Angels Bright (vss. 1 & 4)

1. Ye holy angels bright, Who wait at God's right hand,  
Or through the realms of light Fly at your Lord's command,  
Assist our song, For else the theme Too high doth seem For mortal  
tongue.
4. My Soul, bear thou thy part, Triumph in God above,  
And with a well-tuned heart Sing thou the songs of love.  
Let all thy days Till life shall end, What e'er he send, Be filled with  
praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Hebrews 13:1-6, 15 & 16

ALL AGES TOGETHER

SPECIAL MUSIC The Belle of Newcastle David Surette  
Lindy Head, violin: Charlie Head, guitar arr. Charlie Head

PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer of our Savior

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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Interlude Lord, keep us steadfast in your word. Paul Manz  
Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, / For you are Lord of lords alone; (1919-2009)  
Defend your Christendom that we /May sing your praise eternally.  
- Luther, stanza 2

\*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

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 14:1 & 7-14

SERMON An Apron Without Strings Pastor Small

\*HYMN 97 (red) God of Life, Through All the Circling Years

1. God of our life, through all the circling years, We trust in thee;  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.
2. God of our past, our times are in thy hand; With us abide.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; Be thou our guide.  
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.
3. God of the coming years, through paths unknown We follow thee;  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge be.  
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,  
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

\*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

ORGAN POSTLUDE Lord, keep us steadfast in your word

O Comforter of priceless worth, / Send peace and unity on earth;

Support us in our final strife / And lead us out of death to life.

- Luther, stanza 3

Jan Bender  
(1909-1994)

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

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