

Our Lord's Day

August 23, 2020
12th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God to full, conscious, active participation in worship.

Praise Songs: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Quartet

Welcome! Pastor Eric W. Olsen

Call to Worship:

Leader: O Lord our God, we come together with songs of praise in our hearts, because of your unfailing love and faithfulness.

People: Even though we struggle with life's issues,
your mercy blesses us.

Leader: Listening God, we come together with prayers of thanks in our hearts, because you hear and answer our prayers.

People: Even though life is sometimes difficult,
your strength blesses us.

Leader: Welcoming God, we come together in reverent worship filling our minds, because your faithful love endures forever.

People: Even though we are fragile people
who sometimes feel lost and abandoned,
God's love blesses us and never changes.
Thanks and praise be to our glorious God
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" Song Sheet

Prayer of the Day

Proclamation & Response to the Word

The Lord is here. Let us listen to Him.

Psalm 138: (Read Responsively)

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³ When I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly;
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

A Reading from: Matthew 7:1-6 "Judging Others"

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye, and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. ⁶ "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Reflections:

Pastor Eric Olsen

Hymn:

"Christ is Our Hope in Life & Death"

Song Sheet

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Joys and Concerns ~ Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eric Olsen

The Offering of Praise: "He Lives"

Song Sheet

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Eric Olsen

The Lord's Prayer

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.
And 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.

Sending - *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Sending Song: "In Christ Alone" Song Sheet
Benediction Pastor Eric Olsen

We welcome you in Christ's name.

We are glad you have come to worship with us today.

Prayer Concerns: Wilma, Bill, Cameron, Monique, Ann, Roy, Jim, John, Dave, Patrick, Brady, Mandi, Brian, Charlie, Michael, Peter, Rusty, Lucy, Monica, Vickie & Mark, Janice, Adrienne; (Cancer): Diane, Nicol, Jim, Lisa, Barbara, Dick, Sandy, Christi, Mark, Troy, Deb, Susan, Michelle, Scott, Paul, Carey, Michael, Ethan, Brandi, Barb, Veronica, Katheran, Calle, Rosie, David

August Birthdays: 24 ~ Art Leavitt; 26 ~ Clarise Shore; 27 ~ Caleb Smith;
29 ~ Murphy Stringer

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Worship Attendance August 16: 9:30am ~ 36; 7:00pm ~
The church building is open Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am-12noon.
Visitors must follow the guidelines for entering the church building.
Guidelines are posted at the doors
but please enter through the St. Bernard Street door.
I can also be reached by phone ~ 518-891-3473 ~ 9am-12noon on
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. ~ Kathy Cross, Secretary

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SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN
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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
The Rev. Eric Olsen
Musician ~ Kathryn Cross
Lay Leader ~ Jerry Manning