

HOLY

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 3, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Reflections on Psalm 8*)

Let us worship our God who is beyond words, whose power cannot be measured in human terms.

When we look at the universe, and see the endless expanse of God's creation, who are we that God would think of us, let alone love us?

Yet God has made us just lower than God's very nature, giving us creativity and imagination, and entrusted creation into our care.

**Truly we ought to worship with great enthusiasm,
given all God has so extravagantly offered us.**

**ALL: God, and our God alone, holy and mighty, is worthy of worship.
Let us celebrate our God!**

***HYMN #21: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord**

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15 (*Old Testament page 50*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (*Old Testament page 556*) **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21 (*New Testament page 162*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16: 21-28 (*New Testament page 18*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HYMN #509: *Holy Ground*

SERMON: *Rev. Steve Elde*

...and to respond with our lives...

*HYMN #426: *God of the Ages*

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*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.**

*HYMN #569: *How Wonderful It Is*

HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Communion

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

TAKING

Institution

Sung Response (tune #295)

**His dying we proclaim. Alleluia! Amen!
His rising we declare. Alleluia! Amen!
His coming we await, now as these gifts we take.
Glory to God on high! Alleluia! Amen!**

BLESSING

BREAKING: Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.

GIVING: Offering the bread, offering the cup.

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #422:** *O God Our Help In Ages Past*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious, Gracious to you.**

**The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you
Give you, Give you peace.**

POSTLUDE

GREETER: Cinda Madonna

READERS: Jane & Dawn Leach

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Steve Elde

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS: Colin & Sarah Quackenbush

LIVESTREAM: Axel

*Join us after the service for
coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*

Welcome!

