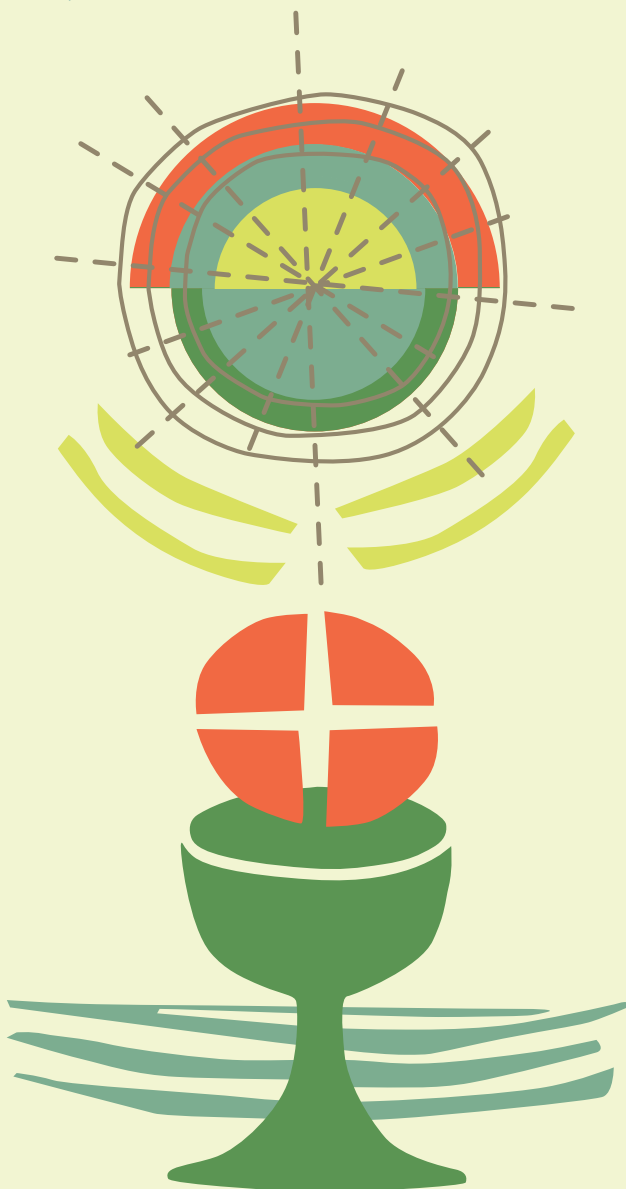


SPIRIT DIVINE

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 1, 2023



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

We gather together...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him or acknowledge his authority, and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship God in truth.

People of God, behold and see your God! Let us proclaim the breadth and depth of God's love.

We open our eyes to see God's glory. We open our ears to hear God's wisdom.

We open our hands to offer God our service. We open our mouths to sing God's praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

We open our lives that they might reflect our beliefs and our faith.

***HYMN #70:** *Your Love, O God, Is Broad*

***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 17:1-7 (*Old Testament page 64*)

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

PSALM

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 (*Old Testament pages 537-538*) **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13 (*New Testament page 197*)

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32 (*New Testament pages 23-24*)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HYMN #368: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

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

*HYMN #367: *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 #568: *Come, Share the Lord*

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 (to the tune of #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 #671:** *On Our Way Rejoicing*

***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: Sandy Larsen

READERS: HansPetersen family

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Steve Elde

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS: Ann and Trevor Scranton

LIVESTREAM: Kendall

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

Welcome!

