

11th Sunday after Pentecost



**August 8, 2021
at 10:30 a.m.**

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our livestreaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.** *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Today, we are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. During this time of pandemic, you are encouraged to take a pre-made Communion packet prior to the service, which will be distributed along with your bulletin.

COME

Voluntary on *Terra Patris* This is My Father's World arr. Anna Laura Page

*Call to Worship Brad Hall

As the Creator and the Savior are one,

May we all be one.

So that the world may see Christ,

May we all be one.

So that the nations will know the love of God for them,

May we all be one.

As the body of Christ for the sake of the world,

May we all be one.

*Hymn 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, by your design we are whole people, yet we deny this gift of wholeness

when we have been willing to be entertained but not changed;

we have allowed our insights to harden into clichés;

we have seen our youth as “the future of the church,” but not as valuable members of the church today;

we have called on you only to hear the sound of our own voices;

Forgiving God, who makes community from the raw materials of our lives, teach us the humility to learn from those who know a true rejoicing. Restore to us wholeness through the Oneness we have in your Son, our risen Savior, Christ Jesus.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8

If God is for us, who is against us? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Response 567

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Amen. Amen.**

***Passing the Peace**

Greet both friends and strangers saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

As recipients of abundant life in Christ, we now offer our gifts to God.

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

Offertory How Can I Keep From Singing Valerie Stewart, soloist

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock
I'm clinging, Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? I know my savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All
things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?*

Confirmation

Confirmand Pierce Ehrler and Mentor Ed Labbe
Confirmand Sam Grau and Mentor Pat Santelli
Confirmand Gabby Gray and Mentor Lou Albertson
Confirmand Holden Labbe and Mentor Kevin Spring
Confirmand Kinsie Willis and Mentor Shelley Koutnik

Presentation of Prayer Quilts

Marian Wahl

Time with Young Disciples

Following the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families or to visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel Lesson John 17:20-26 New Testament

20 “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Sent The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Pre-made Communion packets are available for you. Please see the ushers for assistance. In keeping with social distancing protocols, the congregation will not be coming forward to receive the elements. Instead,

you are encouraged to receive the elements in your pew at the appropriate time.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation John 6:35

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

Together let us say: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Christ is the bread of life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your life, ministry, death, and resurrection, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

In one voice, let us offer the words of 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn #513 Let us Break Bread Together v. 1 and 2

Words of Institution

“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this sacrament. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace:
have courage; hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
help the suffering; honor all;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Voluntary Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell

Funding for today's soloist was provided by the Seiberling Music Endowment fund.



The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Cathy, Kevin, and Zoe Melver in honor of Zoe's grandparents, the Wards and Melvers.

The white rose in the chancel today is provided in memory of Robert Prentice II on the occasion of his death on July 29. A private family burial was held on August 5.

COVID-19 Protocols:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. The pews where worshippers are asked to sit are marked with a green sticker. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We have returned hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to pews with green stickers. Offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.

Calendar of Church events for the week of August 8-14

Sunday, 8/8

10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream

11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting, Room 106

Monday, 8/9

1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

7:00 pm Book Discussion

7:00 pm Memorial Garden Meeting

Tuesday, 8/10

2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Chancel

6:00 pm Zoom Endowment Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Properties Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 8/11

6:00 Zoom Outreach Meeting

7:00 pm Zoom Discipleship Meeting

Thursday, 8/12

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in Library

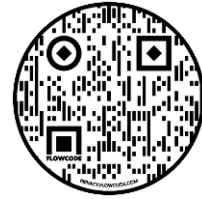
Friday, 8/13

1:00 pm Membership Committee in Library

Saturday, 8/14

9:00 am Celtic Gardeners

Giving Online During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.



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(weekly office days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Staff schedule in the office: **Monday** - Pastor Jon, Margo Works and Dave Bodnar. **Tuesday** - Pastor Jon, Margo Works and Dave Bodnar.

Wednesday – Claudine Schooley, Margo Works and Dave Bodnar.

Thursday – Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley, Margo Works and Dave Bodnar.

Friday - Pastor Jon and Claudine Schooley

Finance Office: Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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