



July 31, 2022

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost

**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE**

**Boldface = All speak**

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

**MUSIC FOR SETTLING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**....."Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying".....**#172**  
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❖**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 49)*  
*Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world:*  
**We are both low and high; we are rich and poor together;**  
*Listening for wisdom, longing for understanding,*  
**We incline our ears to hear God's wisdom in our gathering.**

❖**HYMN**....."Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"..... **#45**  
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❖**CALL TO CONFESSION**

❖**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Merciful God, so often we focus on earthly possessions rather than on spiritual faithfulness. We can be overcome with greed, neglecting the needs of those around us. We prioritize our own selfish wants over the**

**needs of our neighbors.** (A time for silent confession) **Forgive us, O God, and transform us in Christ's name as we seek renewal and new life in you. Amen.**

❖**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖**AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**  
*The peace of Christ be with you!*  
**And also with you!**  
*You are invited to greet those around you and those online with peace this day.*

*The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.*

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**HEARING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
**All: O God, we thank you for your Word given to us in the written words of Scripture and for your living Word, Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, open us to hear you speak and to be transformed by your word. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**....Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, p. 950  
*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**HYMN** ..... "There is a Balm in Gilead" ..... **#141**  
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**SCRIPTURE**.....Luke 12:13-21, p. 1484  
*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**MESSAGE**..... Rev. Sara K. Snowden

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

❖**HYMN**..... "Be Thou My Vision" ..... **#400**  
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❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**...(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)  
**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church... In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Using Debts and Debtors)*

**A Litany of Blessing for the CWS Hygiene Kits**  
*Let us pray. God of great love who taught us all compassion, we continue to share the blessings that we have received from you with our neighbors.*  
**People: Who are our neighbors?**  
*Those living in poverty, many forced from their homes due to natural or human made disasters*

*need us to recognize them as our neighbors in need.*

**People: What do they need?**

*They often need the basic things that we take for granted: items to maintain their health, clean their homes, or provide the tools their children need to go to school.*

**People: How will this help?**

*The kits we bless today represent our compassion for our siblings. With our kits we send our love and our witness to the presence of God's divine nature in our world*

**People: We bear witness.**

*That the hands that made these kits, and the hearts that donated time, talent and treasure desire to be a blessing of God's love in this world.*

**People: We send our Love.**

*Acknowledging that we first received this love from God and pray that in so sending it God's grace will spread far and wide.*

**People: This is our prayer.**

*Bless the givers, the kits we made, the work of Church World Service to deliver the kits and the lives of all who receive our kits, with God's great love.*

**All: Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY** ..... Genevan Psalter (Public Domain)..... **#623**

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**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND SERVE**

As we get ready to go forth and serve how will you connect with your Heritage Family This Week? How will you welcome and invite others in this week?

- Hymnals - Please consider dedicating a new hymnal in memory of or in honor of someone you love. Your \$10 donation per hymnal goes toward the purchase price of the books. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex following worship.
- Check your Monday email for these and other opportunities to connect with your Heritage family this week.

❖ **MINUTE FOR CE**

❖ **HYMN** ..... "Come, Labor On" ..... Song Sheet  
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❖ **CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** .....Reprise "Come, Labor On"

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A family in Christ that strives to  
serve others in His love



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