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Sunday, July 21, 2024
10:00AM
Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude The Church of Christ in Every Age arr. Bert Carlson

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 11: 28-30)

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

**Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings
and to seek rest for our souls.**

Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.

Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

**For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Gospel Praise

God is Keeping Me
Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we are merely creatures before you. We know and recognize that we sometimes make ourselves out to be more than this in your eyes. We sometimes think and act as if we are better than others or in a position to judge our neighbors, friends, family, and enemies. We sometimes forget that all good things come from your hand and by your might and not because of our own. Lord, forgive us and have mercy on us. Help us to remember how wonderful you are and how mighty you are. Remind us of your grace and love towards us and all things, even your enemies. Lead us into the light and away from darkness. Lead us away from suffering and into hope that endures and only comes from you. Give us your peace, Lord. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response AAHH #321

Spirit Song

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.**

**Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Canticle of Fellowship
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Second Reading

Mark 6:30-44

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (The Nicene Creed)**

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.**

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

***Hymn GTG #12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Call to Offering

*If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the
Westminster News section of today's bulletin.*

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
 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.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn AAHH #514

I'll Tell It Wherever I Go

Benediction

Postlude

Plenty Good Room

arr. Lloyd Larson

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Lynn Burdell, Liturgist

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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514 I'LL TELL IT WHEREVER I GO

*The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem...**Acts 6:7**Unison*

1. I'll tell of the Sav - ior, I tell of His
 2. I know Him, a - dore Him, a good life to
 3. If Sa - tan op - press me, His grace will ca -

fa - vor, I'll tell it wher - ev - er I go.
 show Him, I'll tell it wher - ev - er I go.
 ress me, I'll tell it wher - ev - er I go.

I count ev - 'ry bless - ing, I go on con -
 He's near - est, He's clear - est, In my life He's
 When trou - bles de - press me, He won't fail to

fess - ing, I'll tell it wher - ev - er I go.
 dear - est, I'll tell it wher - ev - er I go.
 bless me, I'll tell it wher - ev - er I go.



Tho' life is un-cer-tain I can-not un-der-stand,
 What He is to you 7 may-be you can't see,
 If I was dy-ing with just one word to say,
 But thank Him, and trust Him, and
 But this thing I know He's then
 I'd speak it for Je-sus then

praise Him while I can, I'll just tell it, ex-
 ev-'ry-thing to me 'cause He saved me, He
 breathe my life a-way 'cause He'll be there, Meet

cell it, let all voic-es swell it, I'll
 raised me for-ev-er, I'll praise Him, I'll
 me there, then go where He pre-pared,

tell it wher-ev-er I go.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Tune: I'LL TELL IT, Irregular; Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

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