

Contemporary Service Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 3, 2025 10:45 a.m.



OPENING WORSHIP

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WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

SONG "God of Wonders"

Lord of all creation,
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high

(Chorus)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light when I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night

(Chorus)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy

Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; Father hold me, hold me; The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy, you are holy, holy

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CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

R: The Old Testament Reading for the eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the first and second chapters of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So, I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it.

This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

The Epistle Reading is from the third chapter of Colossians. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: impurity, passion, sexual immorality. evil desire. covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free: but Christ is all, and in all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter. P: Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

THE NICENE CREED

A: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the

Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Know That He is God"

VOLUNTARY "Word of God Speak" John Priebe, Steve Bow

As we listen to the Voluntary, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. Please place them in the offering plate when you leave. Thank you.

SONG

"Word of God Speak"

I'm finding myself at a loss for words And the funny thing is it's okay The last thing I need is to be heard But to hear what You would say

Word of God speak, Would You pour down like rain Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know, That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest, In Your holiness
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You Beyond the music beyond the noise All that I need is to be with You And in the quiet hear Your voice

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THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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THE SENDING

"I Will Follow"

SONG OF SENDING

Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move, I will follow, Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good,
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone,
Higher than my sight
High above my life,
I will trust in You alone, In you alone

Where You go I'll go,
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move,
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love,
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world,
Light into my life
I will live for You alone,
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find,
All I need in You alone, In You alone

Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move, I will follow You Whom You love I'll love, How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
Yeah, I will follow You, yeah

In You there's life everlasting, In You there's freedom for my soul In You there's joy unending joy, And I will follow

Where You go I'll go,
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move,
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love,
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose,
I will follow

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Where you stay I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
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Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve,
If this life I lose

I will follow You yeah, I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah.

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