

AUGUST 29, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: Happy are those who come to the House of the Lord. With great joy we greet one another here.

People: Here we welcome both friend and stranger, because all people are God's children.

Pastor: Let us open our hearts to receive new strength to follow Christ, and open our minds to a renewed understanding of what Christ is calling us to do.

People: We will ask God to equip us with an active faith as we live in the world, so we can be ambassadors for Christ wherever we go.

Pastor: Let worship the Lord.

#HYMN #258 *Morning Has Broken*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

We worship you, gracious Lord Jesus, and thank you that you always receive us whenever we turn to you. We turn to you now, trusting your promise that you will be with us whenever two or three gather in your name. Come to us, we pray, and fill us with your Spirit of unity and truth. Inspire us to have a vibrant, active faith, so we can serve you faithfully in the world. We ask these things in your name, dear Savior, as we recite the prayer you taught your disciples, saying...

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 15 and James 1:19-27 (Bible pages?)

SERMON MESSAGE: Active Faith Rev. Gagnon

#HYMN #403 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Invitation to Pray and Receiving the Prayer Request Slips
 Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
 Organ Response

OFFERTORY

Offertory Invitation
 Offertory Music
 # Doxology (#45 – Old Hundredth)

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 (Unison):

Dear Lord, to help us maintain an active faith, we now take a concrete step and share our offerings with you. May our giving add strength to the witness of this church as we seek your truth and devotedly share it with others. Ready us to proclaim the gospel and practice Christ's way of love not only in this community of faith, but also in our homes, our places of work and leisure, and throughout our community and beyond. May that love build up the Body of Christ in the world, and bring you honor and glory. Amen.

#HYMN #386 *We Are One in the Spirit*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God has opened up the gospel to us so we can receive the good news of Jesus Christ and share it with a needy world.

People: Happy are those who trust in the Lord, and are willing to be guided by God's truth.

Pastor: We are all ambassadors for Christ, and have been called to bring comfort to those who mourn, refreshment to those whose souls are parched, and support to those who have stumbled and fallen.

People: May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and give us an active faith so that we can be doers of God's Word, and not merely hearers of it.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE