

Trinity Church Welcomes You

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Pastor Priscilla Hukki

*Indicates standing as you are able.

Bold indicates “in unison”.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings,

we come to praise you.

We come because we want to,

we sing our songs because we are glad to,

we pray for your grace because we need to,

and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts

because without it we are a dead loss.

Please lift every shutter within our mind,

and open every door within our soul,

that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in.

Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen!

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***OPENING HYMN** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH #66 vs. 1-3

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows; motherlike, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

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OPENING PRAYER

Living God cover us with your Holy Spirit to open our eyes to read your Holy Word, our ears to hear your Holy Word, and our minds to understanding the lessons that you teach. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ephesians 1: 3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

God's Word for God's People

PSALM

Psalm 139

(read responsively)

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ **You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in
secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were
written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them
as yet existed.**

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my
thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the
way everlasting.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 2: 17-22*

¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to
those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one
Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but
you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of
God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with
Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is
joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you
also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

God's Word for God's People

***GOSPEL READING** *Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56*

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done
and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by
yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they
had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a
deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and
recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and
arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and
he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a
shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and
moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once
recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring
the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he
went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the

marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH #399

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and set us again on the right path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our hearts are hard, O God –

Soften them with your love.

Our hands are clenched, O God –

Open them with your grace.

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

Invite us to dance with you.

For good things left undone, and wrong things done – forgive us, O God.

Our lives are not our own, we know –

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.

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<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession>. Used with permission.

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are set free. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

***OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95
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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace. Amen.

(2 Samuel 7:1-14a)

WORDS of INSTITUTION

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made
ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long
time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and all of us who have
failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

Adapted from The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book, (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001), 53.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING FOR YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts, called to
be participants in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

In this, there will be times when you feel energized, and times when you
feel exhausted. Times when you enjoy every activity planned, and times
you wish you were in charge. Times when the Holy Spirit will show up
in joy, and times when the Holy Spirit will show up in challenge.

And so, I ask you:

Will you freely participate in the gathering and with the people of New
Orleans with the love and compassion of Jesus? **We will and we ask
God to help us.**

Will you seek to disrupt injustice, working together in solidarity for the
sake of your neighbors? **We will and we ask God to help us.**

Will you be respectful, curious, helpful, open and kind? **We will and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor: And now, I ask the congregation - Will you, led by the Holy Spirit, pray for these youth gathering participants in your daily prayers, asking for God's guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you receive them and their stories/experiences with love and openness?

ALL: We will and we ask God to help us. Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you. Amen. Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



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BENEDICTION

May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much. May you fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all. Go in peace, do good, do no harm, stay in love with God and cultivate love everywhere you go. Amen.

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