

The Service for the Lord's Day

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.

*The * indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

September 1, 2019

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

Intermezzo

Johannes Brahms

Carol Zeh, guest pianist

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to service

All: rather than honor.

One: God calls us to love the unknown,

All: rather than the familiar.

One: We come to this time of worship,

All: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 415 Come, Labor On

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God rejoices when we repent and return,

All: offering us finest wheat and sweet honey from the rock to sustain us in new life.

One: Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another!

All: Let us with joy seek the honor of God's service. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

*Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.
Childcare for infants through six-year-olds is available in the nursery, room 11.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 2: 4 - 13

Gospel Reading Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Sermon *Spiritual Gift: Wise Investing – The Big Picture* Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

*Hymn 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
Please list prayers on pink slips located by the kitchen door.
Pass them to the ushers during the hymn.

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Consolation Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology (hymn 607)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us, we give thanks for your hope in us, we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace. In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. Amen.

Sealing God's Word

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution and Sharing the Meal

Prayers of the People and 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.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, eternal God, that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ and with all the faithful who have come before us who have served you with courage and with joy. Renewed for our daily living in this world, may we remember that we belong to you and that you lead us into newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sending the Faithful Into God's World

*Hymn 507 I Come With Joy

*Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response 599 Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (repeat)

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

Next Sunday — September 8, 2019

Baptism / Sunday School starts/Teacher Commissioning

Service at 9:30 am in the sanctuary

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln preaching

Chancel Choir participating