

8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 23, 2020
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Carillon Prelude" – Theodore DuBois

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

CONFESSION:

C. Almighty God, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have sinned by what I have done and what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive me. Renew me. Lead me. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us all and was raised from the dead, that first Easter. Amen.

P. It is always my honor and privilege to announce that God has freely forgiven you and me. We stand here, trusting, by God's grace alone. We stand here as free men and women, boys and girls. May the wind of Pentecost move our hearts and our hands.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Built on a Rock"

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
 even when steeples are falling;
 crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
 bells still are chiming and calling—
 calling the young and old to rest,
 calling the souls of those distressed,
 longing for life everlasting.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
 we are his own habitation;
 he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
 granting us life and salvation.
 Where two or three will seek his face,
 he in their midst will show his grace,
 blessings upon them bestowing.
- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
 Jesus the children is blessing;
 hither we come to praise his name,
 faith in our Savior confessing.
 Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
 making with us his covenant,
 granting his children the kingdom.

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Loving God, you make the first move toward us in your mercy. In your grace alone we can take a stand that affirms life. Help us to stand up in your grace, without fear. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

SERMON: "The Changing Of the Gods"

Pastor Larry Isbell

HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 dead,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")

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 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.**

BENEDICTION:

- P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Have No Fear Little Flock”

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!

- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!

- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

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DISMISSAL:

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “Sortie Fughetta” – Theodore DuBois

*(Please exit row by row, beginning with the back.
Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)*

**Today’s altar flowers are given by Ken & Beverly McDermott
in honor of Emily’s 10th birthday.**