

August 23, 2020 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ "Presence of the Lord" (Wolfe) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,

All: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

Leader: In the midst of a world where people are scared and anxious,

All: Come worship a God who bestows upon his people a gift of peace.

Choral Response #614 ~ "Great Are You, Lord"

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!

Great are you, Lord!

Leader: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war,

All: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for all his peoples.

Leader: In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,

All: Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

**you are invited to stand as you are able*

***Hymn #310 ~ "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

***Prayer ~ in unison**

Helper and defender of Israel, rescue the peoples of the world from destructive anger, and set us free to love and serve each other in the peace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace ~ The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

Reflection with children

Special Music ~ "Shout to the Lord" (D. Zsche) ~ Ensemble

Prayer for Illumination

Choral Response #455 ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;

listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand. (repeat)

Scripture ~ Exodus 1:8-2:10; Matthew 16:13-20

Message ~ "Vessels of Possibility" ~ The Rev. Dr. Loren Scribner, guest

***Hymn #81 ~ "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

Community at Prayer

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord's Prayer - *in 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, forever.

Amen.

***Hymn #677 - "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended"**

***Benediction**

Postlude "*Go Tell it on the Mountain*" (Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

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Highlights from the August 18 Council Meeting...

1. The Council reviewed the reopening plan and will revisit in September. Council members are keeping a close eye on COVID-19 policies, with St. Paul's congregation in mind, for a safe reopening.
2. Faith Formation will sponsor a "no food" Romans event on September 27th. Pre-registration will be required to insure enough participants to complete the task of packaging utensils/condiments for Crossroads. This will be an **OUTDOOR** event with safety and socially distancing guidelines observed. Details will be coming soon.
3. Council thanks the community for participating in both the Sunday Worship services and the Faith Formation classes and for faithfully maintaining your pledges. We are a family at St. Paul's. Please let us know if you have a need and continue to reach out to each other.

Thank you, St. Paul's!

Crossroads is in great need of assistance with having enough condiment packets each week. The number of volunteers they can have at any one time is limiting the production of the packets. They are most eager to have help with this, so we have planned an outdoor, socially distant event for anyone who would be willing to **assemble packets**. We will be gathering outside the church on **Sunday, September 27th at 1pm**. We will have assembly stations set up for the number of households that **sign up by Thursday, September 10th**. These stations will be set up 6' apart. We are asking that everyone wear a mask. Gloves will be provided. Please bring your own chair. The


building will be closed and there will be **no access to restrooms**. If you are able to participate, **please sign up by the deadline**. We require a minimum of 10 people in order to facilitate this event. **Sign up by emailing christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church** or calling 313-719-8467. Please **indicate the number of people from your household** who will be participating and also, in case of rain, **if you would be able to make the rain date of Monday, September 28th at 5pm**. We are the body of Christ and he calls us to serve!

Friendly reminder! Our 2020 Per Capita Apportionment obligation is \$5,101.85, which computes to \$32.00 **per member**. By asking each member to donate their portion, the impact on the general fund is greatly reduced, and we are very grateful for those of you who contributed earlier this year!! However, to date, we remain \$2,876.85 short, so if you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Thank you!!



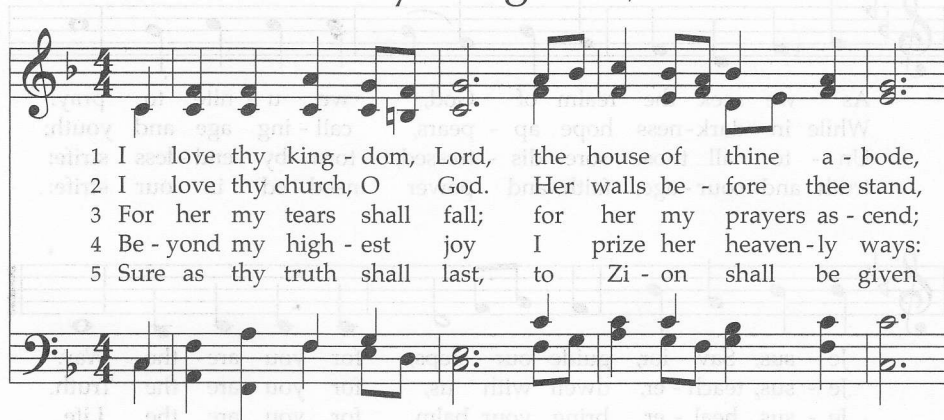
Camilla White, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye
Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie, Frank & Nancy Saunders, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk
Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Susan Grant, Grace Campbell, Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Debbie Peterson & family ~ friends of Meta Tulley & Joan Westbrook
The family of the Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe ~ friends of St. Paul's; Thomas Peeples ~ friend of Jeff Graham
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet; Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor
Bob Kortenhoeven ~ brother of a friend of Judy McGregor
Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian; Diane Calloway ~ cousin of Gail Artinian
MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne; Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank; Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta
Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis; Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

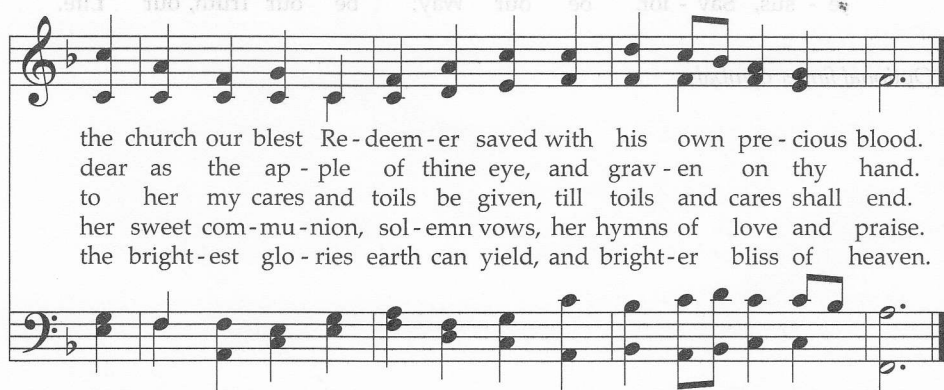


work of build-ing; ded-i-cate us to the task.
 faith and ac-tion as we build the church to-day.
 do your bid-ding, see your pur-pose, fill all needs.
 church tri-um-phant, now and for e-ter-ni-ty.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a-bode,
 2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be-fore thee stand,
 3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as-cend;
 4 Be-yond my high-est joy I prize her heav-en-ly ways:
 5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi-on shall be given



the church our blest Re-deem-er saved with his own pre-cious blood.
 dear as the ap-ple of thine eye, and grav-en on thy hand.
 to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
 her sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
 the bright-est glo-ries earth can yield, and bright-er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propoganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

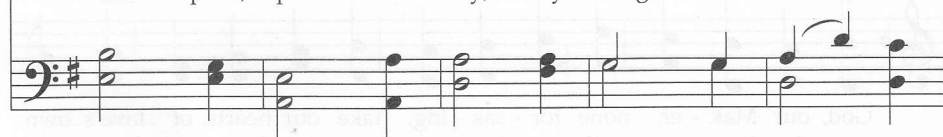
677 The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended



1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed; the dark - ness
 2 We thank thee that thy church un - sleep - ing, while earth rolls
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
 4 The sun that bids us rest is wak - ing thy chil - dren
 5 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud



falls at thy be - hest. To thee our morn - ing
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world a
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is
 'neath the west - ern sky, and hour by hour fresh
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and



hymns as - cend - ed; thy praise shall hal - low now our rest.
 watch is keep - ing and rests not now by day or night.
 nev - er si - lent, nor dies the song of praise a - way.
 lips are mak - ing thy won - drous do - ings heard on high.
 grows for - ev - er un - til there dawns thy glo - rious day.



Written as a confident expression of missionary expansion, this text has become a humbler evening reflection concerning the rest of the world and humanity's place in God's universe. The tune name honors both the composer's given name and the church where he was baptized.