
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020 | 10:15 AM



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CONNECTING FAITH,
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Anna Laura Page

Voluntary on MORNING SONG

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Paul Manz

Partita on "St. Anne" pt. V, Pastorale

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

◆ HYMN 687

ST. ANNE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One of Israel,
covenant-keeper,
you restore what is lost,
heal what is wounded,
and gather in those who have been rejected.
Give us faith to discern your purposes,
and be a part of what you are doing in the world,
that all people may be blessed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hymn Medley

Beth Triebel, handbells
Christine D. Anderson

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 45:1-15

SERMON

In the Beginnings: Behind the Scenes of History

Wallace W. Bubar

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God of Our Life

SANDON

God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

SENDING

◆ HYMN 65

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

◆ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O Praise the Lord with One Consent

William T. Best

About Today's Service

Assisting in worship today:

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms

Musical Offering: Beth Triebel, handbells

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dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,
caring for one another,
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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