



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

11th Sunday of Pentecost | August 8, 2021

### CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

#### GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Greet each other in joy. When the chimes toll, let us prepare silently for worship.)*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Friends of Christ, who are we?

**We are ordinary, flawed, blessed-by-God, people.**

We are more. We are saints! In the eyes of God, we are holy.

**Yet, we cannot do this alone.**

We are called to be saints together.

**Alive and growing up in Christ together,  
and living for the praise of God's glory.**

Let us answer the call to worship God.

\*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)*

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

#### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

... We silently confess our short-comings to you. *(Silent confession)*

O God,  
**forgive us, and gift us again with your grace.  
Help us grow up in Christ and walk worthy  
on the road you call us to walk. Amen.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

... we remain wet because, in the eyes of God, we are:

**God's beloved children, made holy, set free, and forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

#### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt. PD MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861 PD.

### TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:11-22

MUSIC

*Together We Serve*

Daniel Charles Damon

Gail Thomas, soprano; Wayne Tillman, tenor

SERMON

"United and Equipped"

Rev. Laura Viau

### TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

#### PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

**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.**

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## TO DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

## RECOGNITION OF TRANSITIONS

### \*COMMISSIONING LITANY

\*HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

***Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.***

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### \*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

## CLOSING MUSIC

"Church is the gift we have been given . . . so that we can gradually come to live  
'to the praise of his glory,' so that we can finally – it is going to take a long time!  
– grow to 'the full stature of Christ.'"

Eugene Peterson



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