



# First Sunday after Pentecost

May 22, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Jennifer Larson

*(Children ages 3 yrs. - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE.....Robert Williams

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Tommy Mills

Leader: God finds delight in humanity, and in each of us.  
Let us rejoice before the majesty of our Creator.

PEOPLE: **GOD OF GRACE AND GLORY, WHO MADE ALL THINGS,  
HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!**

Leader: In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope.  
Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.

PEOPLE: **GOD OF GRACE AND GLORY, SAVIOR OF YOUR PEOPLE,  
HOW PRECIOUS TO US IS YOUR GIFT OF JESUS CHRIST.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is present to guide and direct us.  
Let us listen that we may hear and do what is true.

UNISON: **GOD OF GRACE AND GLORY, EVER PRESENT WITH US,  
HOW REASSURING IS THE LOVE WITH WHICH YOU SURROUND US!**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Sean Coe

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....Lynn DeShazo

*More Precious than Silver*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Amazing God, revealed to us in more ways than we can count, yet binding in unity all that was and is and yet shall be, we worship You. Source of mountains and seas, giver of light and darkness, we marvel at the work of Your hands. Reconciler and Redeemer, we are awed by the forgiving love that draws us to You and empowers us to care for one another. Spirit of truth, whose guidance is available to us every day, we rejoice in Your transforming presence. Triune God, bless, we pray, this gathering of Your disciples. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying, "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. 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.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg.879).....John 16:12-15

ANTHEM.....Natalie Smith

*God of Great and God of Small*

SECOND READING (pg. 515).....Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Reuben Morgan

*Still*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Giving God, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, for the ways in which we see Your glory in all creation. Most of all, we thank You for caring for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. May these offerings extend the faith and honor You: Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 417

*We Place upon Your Table, Lord*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Mary Redmon

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Kathryn Bean

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Matt Crocker

*Oceans (Where Feet may Fall)*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 5**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Peter Lutkin**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Mary Cornwell, Allen Wallace, Cindy Wallace, Emily Vinson



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.*

*We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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