



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2016

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †

PRELUDE.....Charlotte A. Barnard

Give of Your Best to the Master

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Charkes Kelly

Leader: Gather before God, people of the covenant.
Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones.

PEOPLE: **GOD HAS SUMMONED US TO THIS PLACE.
WE BELIEVE GOD WILL SPEAK TO US HERE.**

Leader: Come to honor God and give thanks.
Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

PEOPLE: **WE COME AS WILLING AND OBEDIENT SERVANTS.
LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O GOD, BE UPON US.**

Leader: God calls us as workers for justice.
God sends us out as advocates for the dispossessed.

UNISON: **WE ARE HERE TO BE EQUIPPED FOR MINISTRY..
WE EXPECT TO BE EMPOWERED FOR OUR SERVICE.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Grant Gonsalves

*WORSHIP HYMN..... (see screen)

Shout to the Lord (Darlene Zschech)

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

For the rich heritage we have received from Your hand, we are grateful, O God. You have fashioned our hearts and observed our deeds. Now we come together, awaiting further instructions from Your Word. Teach us here what we need to know in order to live faithfully in this troubled world. Lead us beyond the routines of worship to a genuine, life-changing encounter with You. 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

DEDICATION OF DISPLAY CASE.....Steve Gray

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 847).....Luke 12:32-40

ANTHEM.....Michael Hassell

Rock by Rock, Stone by Stone

SECOND READING (pg. 977).....Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....African American Spiritual

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You, God, for welcoming us into Your caring realm, where we claim the needs of others as our concern. We are finding a homeland in Your service and we are grateful. Above all, may our offerings be an outpouring of thanksgiving for a God who does not forget us. Your promises are sure and Your faithfulness is to all generations. Amen.

*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 405

In Memory of the Savior's Love

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Cheryl Jarvis

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Jennifer Larson

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Traditional

My Lord and I/Water is Wide

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. 581**

Near to the Heart of God

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.....D. B. Towner**

Trust and Obey

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder

Youth remain in church

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Mary Bond, Zach Lowman, Katie Mills, Nathan Loftis



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!

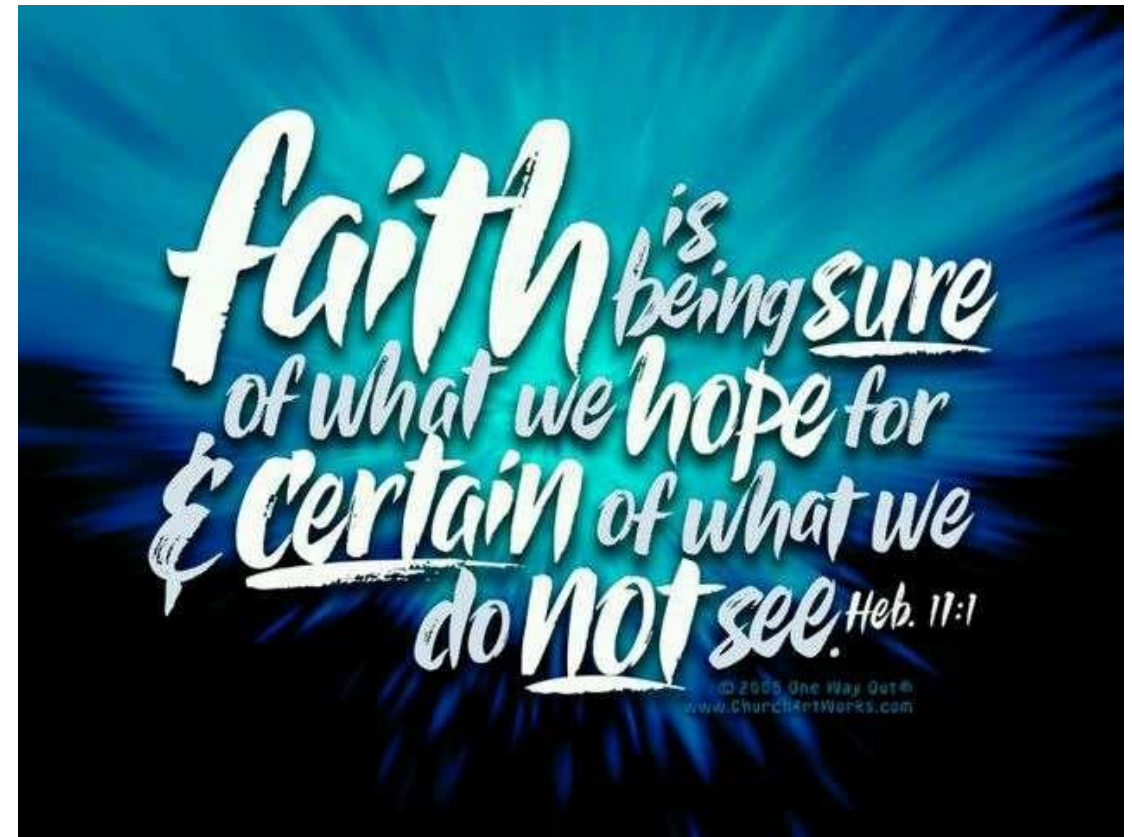


The Welcome Loaf

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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