

Worship Service ~ September 4, 2022, 9:00 13th Sunday of Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Jan Walker
in memory of loved ones.

PRELUDE on "Earth and All Stars" (ELW #731) by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BAPTISM OF AVERY JO KISER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN ELW #731 EARTH AND ALL STARS stz 1, 5

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain!

Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things, I too sing praises with a new song.

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!

Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things, I too sing praises with a new song.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

~Silence for reflection~

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Direct us, O Lord God,

C: in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Simple Gifts/It is Well with My Soul"* trad.
Kelsey Burk, oboe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174 *CELTIC ALLELUIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 14th chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 14:25-33 *The Message Translation*

²⁵⁻²⁷ One day when large groups of people were walking along with him, Jesus turned and told them, "Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one's own self!—can't be my disciple. Anyone who won't shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can't be my disciple.

²⁸⁻³⁰ "Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you're going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: 'He started something he couldn't finish.'

³¹⁻³² "Or can you imagine a king going into battle against another king without first deciding whether it is possible with his ten thousand troops to face the twenty thousand troops of the other? And if he decides he can't, won't he send an emissary and work out a truce?"

³³ “Simply put, if you’re not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can’t be my disciple.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #798 *WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME*
stz 1, 4, 5

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

MUSICAL OFFERING “*We the Lord’s People*” by Jeffrey Rickard;
Faith Choir; Linda Burk, director

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God of abundance,

**C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on
your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip
us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD’s face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #660 *LIFT HIGH THE CROSS* stz 1, 4

Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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