

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Theme: Pain and Promise

Sunday, August 18, 2024



“Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord, our hope and our salvation.” Psalm 130:1

GATHERING

Prelude: “ I Trust in Thee” Mary McDonald

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?

People: Yes! We come to receive a good word to sustain us in our living and carry with us wherever we go.

Leader: God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?

People: Yes! We come to dream of a future for all of the believing community and our churches.

Leader: God strengthens us when we come together to worship. In this way we support one another. Are you ready to worship?

People: Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God’s grace.

Leader: Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!

People: Then we will carry God’s blessings with us into the world.

Leader: Praise God! who gives us wisdom when we come together as the family of God! AMEN

*Hymn: #395 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*Petitions for Prayer of the Day

ALL: O God of Consistency, how good it is to hear your Word. . .to experience your Word! We are convicted by the rawness of its confessions. We are humbled to embrace its teachings. We are challenged by its wisdom to new levels of understanding. Forgive us when we fail to make use of its power.

Redirect us to abide by all that it offers. For you are a God who keeps your Word!

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: O God who has come close, you sent us Jesus to show us how to match our words with our actions. For Jesus, there could be no lip service to inclusiveness. His ministry was both to the poor and rich, to the Jew and to the Gentile, to the righteous and to the unrighteous, to the young and to the old, to men and to women. Honor us by the grace that poured from Jesus’ lips and his actions.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: Teach us how to be consistent in all that we say and do. Deliver us from “nice-nastiness.” Take these earthen vessels we call our lives and make us “doers” of your Word. Just as we depend on you, God, let others be able to depend on us. Put in us the desire to be real. Make us “Examples of Your Word.”

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: In the name of the One who embraced us and shows us how to embrace the un-embraceable, Jesus the Christ, AMEN

(Adapted from The Africana Worship Book, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007)

Sung Response: “Lead Me, Lord” *(please see insert)*

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: 2 Samuel 19:1-15; 20:1-3 and 21:1-6

Sermon: **“Grief and Regret—Pain and Promise”**

Hymn: #421 “Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways, following the example set before us by Solomon. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Postlude:

"High Praise"

Rachel Sawyer

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Muriel Meier

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Eugene Sowers
whose birthday will be August 21st
Given by his family**

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