

August 23, 2020 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (on-line worship service)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING

VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

*Variations II, III, and I from
Variations on "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* David N. Johnson

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke Weber

As one body we have many members, each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose. We, who are many, are one body in Christ. Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers, artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers. We, who are many, are one body in Christ. With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts in service to Christ, who makes us one. Let us glorify the Lord!

HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

#733

Music: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

Text: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.

*We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*

*Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Luke Weber

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

We call you the Son of the Living God. But we do not trust you to be at work in our world here and now.

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are the Messiah, who delivers us from death to life. But we doubt your power to transform our lives.

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

We profess you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives. But our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested.

Forgive us. Help us not only to proclaim you, but to follow your way of justice and peace.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S

Lisa Gage

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

"Just As I Am"

Tune by William Bradbury
Setting by Van Denman Thompson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jean Harman

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord. (Deut 6:4)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 12: 1-8

The New Life in Christ

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we,

who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16: 13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

RESPONSE

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Thanks be to God. (Deut. 6:6)

SERMON

"Different Gifts, New Gifts"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"Take My Life"

#697

Music: H. A. César Malan, 1827

Text: Francis Ridley Havergal, 1874

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order with Prayer

*Motion: to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Rev. Deborah Lind-Schmitz
and The Presbyterian Church in Geneva.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Brothers and Sisters, keep alert and stand firm in the faith.
Be courageous and strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.
Strengthen the faint of heart,
Support those who are weak,
And have patience with everyone.
And now go in peace.

POSTLUDE

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