



14th Sunday after Pentecost
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Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

In the Morning I Will Sing
Composed by Marty Haugen
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*In the morning I will sing,
I will sing glad songs to you,
I will glad songs of praise to you.*

*For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)
Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

Pre-K-5th Graders

*HYMN No. 51

To Abraham and Sarah

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lori Tucker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God,

You are a story-telling God,

but we confess that sometimes we want easier stories.

We want to be sure of what things mean and what to do.

Instead of the complexity of relationship,

we swing between assuming our causes will automatically be yours

and thinking faith means we must be unthinking and unquestioning.

We run on autopilot pursuing our own passions,

or we act without asking if there's more to the story.

Forgive us when we say or think any variation of

"I was just following orders."

Forgive us when we use your call to faith as a way to hurt others.

Forgive us when we believe the end justifies the means.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Call us into closer connection with you,

and make us true covenant partners,

invested in abundant life with you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Hear and believe this good news:

if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has gone and the new has come.

Through Christ's faithfulness,

we are no longer bound to old habits and patterns and ways,

we are free to join in the new thing God is doing.

We can trust in God's forgiveness, and go forward into new life.

Thanks be to God! Amen

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 33, v 2

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!

Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!

Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!

Praise God's providence and grace, Alleluia!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*) Jerry Kennedy

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose
to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, online giving
is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Offertory

*Composed by John Ness Beck
Beckenhorst Press, 1987*

*With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?*

*Shall I give Him my first born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you O man,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?"*

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Loving God,

**You have provided for us in so many ways,
so in thanks we offer these gifts to you.**

**Through our time, our talent, and our treasure,
we offer you the gift of ourselves.**

**We ask that you help us see the ways each and all of us
can better be your hands and feet in the world.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN No. 656**

We've Come This Far by Faith

*The choir will sing this the first time through
and then we'll sing it two more times together.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

God is...

everywhere!

POSTLUDE

*Many thanks to Sadie Knapp and Nora Broadhurst Williams
for their work live-streaming the service this morning.*



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