



12th Sunday after Pentecost
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Whether you are worshiping 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

Christ, the Life of All the Living
J. William Greene
Sacred Music Press, 2020

WELCOME

Erin Tolar

INTROIT

In Jesus Christ There is a New Creation
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*In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.
The past is gone a new life has begun.
The time has come to bind up what is broken,
return to God, and learn to live as one.
Lift up your hearts and join the celebration!
In Christ our Lord the promises are true.
Sing praise to God, who made the earth and heavens,
and even now in Christ is making all things new.
Through troubled times together we have traveled,
yet every step Has led us to this place.
Now in Christ's name we share a sacred calling:
the work of peace, the ministry of grace.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

We gather together to worship God,
who comes to us when we least expect it,
who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives,
and invites us to join along in the adventure of faith.
Friends, Christ has called us to come.
Let us worship God together!

*HYMN No. 41 vv.1,2,5

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christine Kooi

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of troubled water,
You call us to step out in faith,
to place our lives in your hands,
and to wholeheartedly commit to following you.
We confess that doing so is hard for us.
Too often our fear, doubt or anger
convince us to give up too easily, opting for the safer route.
We have loved you, but we have also let you down.
Forgive us when we listen to our worries more than to you.
Forgive us when we can't see past our own interests and concerns.
Forgive us when we are more adept at making waves than calming seas.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

God, Grab hold of us as we call on you.
Keep us from drowning in our oceans of temptations.
Give us the words to speak of your hope to others.
Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ,
which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

In confessing that Christ is Lord, we let go of the past, and turn to God's future. We step out of our fears, and walk into the light and life offered by God. In trusting Christ's resurrection, we trust all of God's promises, letting the Spirit work in and through us, healing and making us whole.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn 446- v1
sung through one time*

**How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven;
whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin:
whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts, made true again.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE ON THE STEPS

Genesis 6-9

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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,
on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Improvisations on Picardy

***DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God in the storm,
You call us to step out in faith,
trusting in your love and provision.
Take now our lives and our gifts.
Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine,
so that, through us, your kingdom might come
and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

***HYMN No. 726 vv. 1,4,5**

Will You Come and Follow Me

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**Go with God.
Alleluia! And Amen!**

POSTLUDE

***Toccata in E minor*
Johan Pachelbel
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who helped to live-stream the service today.*



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