

9:00 AM
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

Reader: Edward Reppert

God is Still Speaking... *"the Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones"*.

Henry Ward Beecher

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – "Serenity"

B. Miller

***Solemn Declaration and Sung Amen**

***Call to Worship**

M: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind your busyness to be fully present with God.

C: We have come for relief from life's turmoil. God gathers us together as a shepherd gathers sheep.

M: God's steadfast love surrounds us here. We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

C: This is God's house, and we are God's children. God invites us to feel at home in this place.

M: We have a covenant with our creator. This is a time for renewal of our promises.

C: God calls for righteousness and justice. God offers us goodness and mercy all of our day.

***Hymn 405 (green hymnal) "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. By your grace, we ask for your forgiveness. Help us to see the household you are building for all people, where everyone is welcome to come and receive your grace.

Silent confession...

***Kyrie Eleison**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's grace is freely given to us in Jesus Christ through whom we are redeemed and forgiven. Let us set our hope on Christ, living each day for the praise of God's glory, ever seeking the truth that frees us to live fully and triumphantly. So let us join the dance of gratitude and joy, sharing with others the love God has poured into our lives.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Children' Sermon

The Scriptures

Old Testament

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

* Gospel

Mark 6: 30-34; 53-56

*** Gloria Patri**

***Proclaiming our Faith: The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Special Music – "Come, Let Us to the Lord, God"

James Conzelman

Soloist, James Conzelmann

Sermon Prayer and Sermon

David A. Jones

Morning Prayer

***Presentation of Our Offerings and Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Lord's prayer (using debts and debtors)**

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**

*** Hymn (insert) "God When You Called Our Church by Grace"**

***Silent Meditation**

Postlude "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Crosby/Doane

***Please stand as you are able**

Schedule for Week of July 18, 2021

9:00 AM – Sunday Services

Tuesday – 6:30 PM – Bingo (conference call)

Wednesday – 10:00 AM – Bible Study

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The flowers on the Communion Table are presented. In memory of brother, G. Gordon Andrews (KOT) by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Andrews.

The bulletins are presented by Congregation.

Non-perishable food donation slips are available in the narthex. Mission week is scheduled for August 8-14. One of the important features of this week is not only the work that is accomplished but the FOOD we serve this hungry group of young people. Envelopes are available on the board for monetary donations if that is what you prefer. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Conference call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625

Enter conference code: 569284

Press * when asked for your attendee pin

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Rev. David A. Jones, Pastor

God said to David,
I took you from the pasture
and made you King.
I was with you
Everywhere you went.
Finally, I'm going to give you
peace from all your enemies."
- 2 Samuel 7: 8,10 (From the

Message Translation)

God, When You Called Our Church by Grace

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to the tune of
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (The Solid Rock)"

God, when you called our church by grace,
This land was such a different place.
Yet what you spoke remains the same:
"I'll be with you! Go in my name!"

Your promise is for everyone:
You call us here; your word is true!
We'll be a faithful church for you!

Lord Jesus Christ, our cornerstone,
You meet us here; we're not alone!
Through times of joy, through tears long-wept,
You are God's love, God's promise kept.

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You love us all, you make us new!
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O Holy Spirit, wind and flame,
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Tune: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

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