

FIRSTCHURCH

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We embrace Jesus's message that God loves and accepts every person. Therefore, we welcome all to share in the life and ministry of this community of faith. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, economic condition, physical ability or mental ability.

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens open and the Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

A voice echoes over Christ:

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named "child of God."

We come to the water, remembering that we too are named "child of God."

Let us worship the One who names and loves us still.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 611

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Baptismal Covenant I

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

†GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

TULANE



Glo - ry be to God on high, cre - a - tor of the world; Glo - ry be to God the Son, re -
 deem - ing grace to give; Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Ghost, in - spir - ing us to love;
 One in three, three in one for - ev - er - more. A - men.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Loving and merciful God,
 we thank you for the community in which you have placed us,
 for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim
 journey.

And yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.

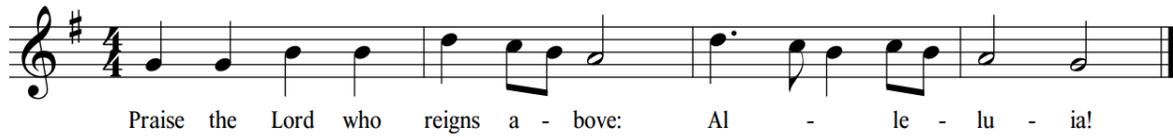
We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your
 Kingdom.

We fail to see your presence in each other.

Form in us a new vision of community
 in which there is neither East nor West,
 neither South nor North.

We pray for the sake of your Kingdom
 that both is and is not yet. Amen.

PSALM 146



Alleluia! Praise YHWH, my soul! I will praise you all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live! Do not trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no salvation. When their spirits depart, they return to the earth, and on that day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Israel, whose hope is in YHWH, their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in it! **R**

YHWH, you keep faith forever: you secure justice for the oppressed; you give food to the hungry; and you set captives free; you give sight to the blind; you raise up those who were bowed down; you love those who do justice; you protect strangers; you sustain orphans and the bereaved—but you thwart the way of the corrupt. YHWH will reign forever—your God, Zion!—through all generations. Alleluia! **R**

ANTHEM

The Grace Divine

by: Roger Price

Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord, In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord; Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power, His Name to glorify; And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die. The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind; We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind. We never will throw off the fear of God Who hears our vow; And if Thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now. Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive, Present with Thy celestial host the peaceful answer give; to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away, And register our names on high and keep us to that day!

GOSPEL

LUKE10:25-37

†HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 427

Vs. 1, 2, 5, & 6

GERMANY

SERMON

Welcome Is Grace

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISM

Remember that you are baptized and be thankful.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Elegiac Piece

by: Gerald Bales

†DOXOLOGY, NO. 94

LASS UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, NO. 548

In Christ There Is No East or West

†BENEDICTION

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

by: Gerald Bales

Sortie Brève

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*

Liturgists: Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*

Rev. Denna Hornby, *Associate Pastor*

Music: Josh Sumter, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Members of the Parish Adult Choir

Floral arrangements are given to the glory of God by Mary Jane Randolph.

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