

# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021

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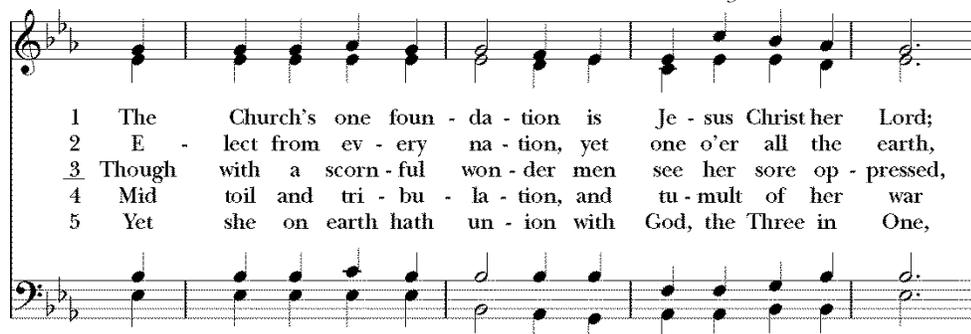
*We thank Alex Neid for leading our music today.*

Prelude

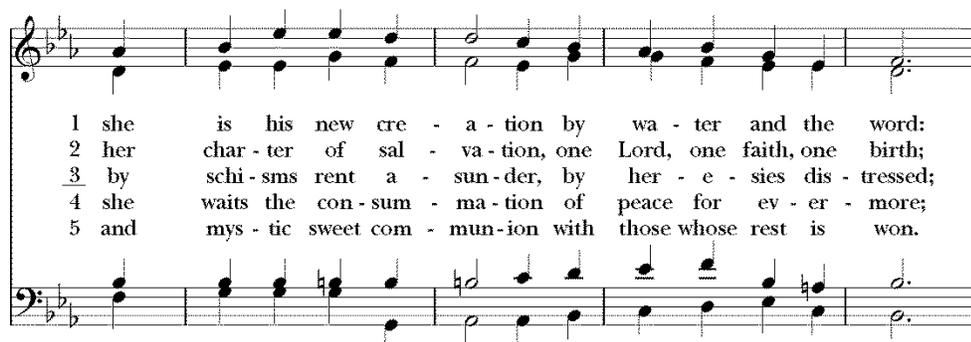
## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn #525 "The Church's one foundation" *Aurelia*

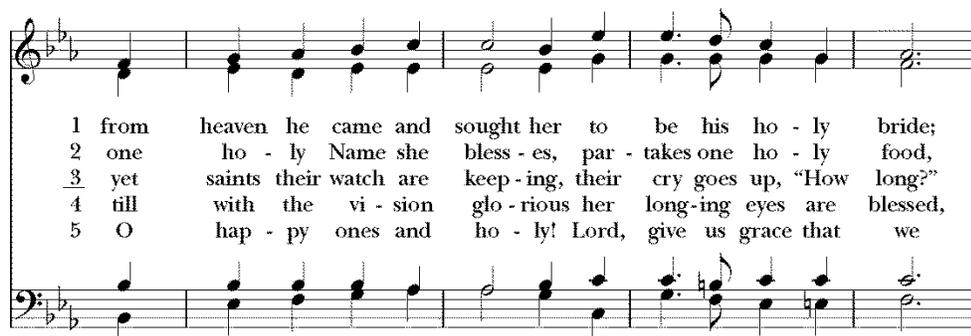
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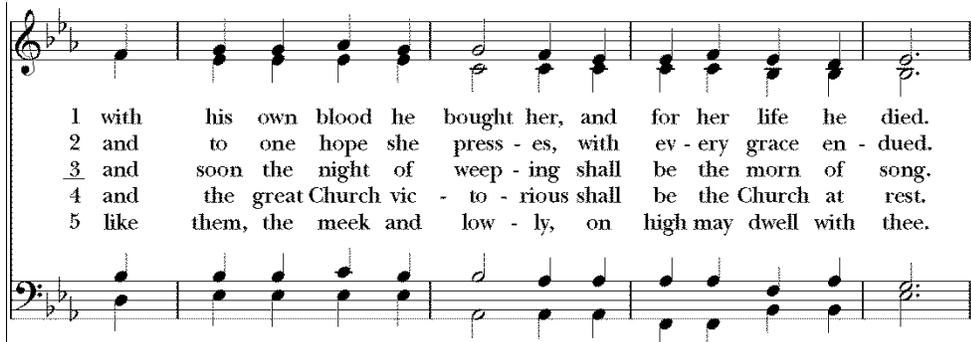
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

## First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

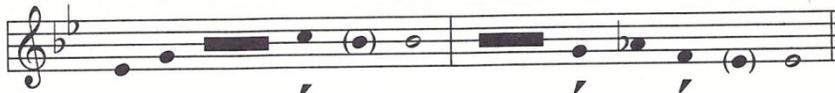
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 23

Tone V.1



*Please sing only one pitch on underlined syllables.*

### 1 Cantor

The Lord is my / shepherd, \*  
I / shall not be in want.

### 2 All

He makes me lie down in green / pastures \*  
and leads me be/side still waters.

### 3 Cantor

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways / for his Name's sake.

### 4 All

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, \*  
I shall fear no / evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your / staff, they comfort me.

### 5 Cantor

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / running over.

### 6 All

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life. \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord forever.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

A reading from Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is

joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Reader* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn #529** "In Christ there is no East or West" *McKee*

*Unison or harmony*



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: K. in John Oxenham 1852-1941, alt.  
Music: *McKee*, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh 1866-1949  
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**Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for

them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**Sermon** The Rev. George Arceneaux

**Nicene Creed** *Said by all.*

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying “Hear our prayer.”

*Leader* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of other and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including the special needs and concerns of this congregation; including **Paula, Nick and Sherry, Kevin, David, Liam, M’Siah, Dan and Chris, Richard** (Martin), **Eunice** (Lewis), **Laura** (Rabb, Carla Bukalski’s sister-in-law), **Bob** (Wyatt), **Devin, Bea** (Cunningham, friend of Katie Kearns), **JoAnn** (O’Brien, friend of Katie Kearns), **Dennis, Linda & Jayden** (Bushkofsky), **Theresa** (Kearns, Katie’s sister), **Amber** (Curry, granddaughter of Bob Jones), **Kathie** (Gillies), **Paris** (Coffey), **Louise** (Dimiceli, friend of Mary Kay Tobin), **Destini** and the **Perryman Family**; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guard the joyous and make us thankful for your many blessings including the birthdays this week of **Jack** Evenson (7/19), **Emma** Graham (7/21), **Jean** Kenoian (7/23), **Linda** Dempsey (7/23), **Rita** Benn (7/24); the anniversary of **Kevin & Mara** Maas (7/20); for expectant parents **Matt & Katie** Bolte and **Greg & Katie** Dunlavey; and others we now name. . . Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including those we now name . . . that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

The Presider prays a concluding collect.

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*





## Sanctus

*Sung by all*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd b. 1950

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Christopher and all your saints, we may

enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

*The Presider breaks the bread and all hold a moment of silence. Then is sung*

### **Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near, b.1942

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*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## An Act of Spiritual Communion, for those at home

*During the distribution of Communion, those at home may pray the following*

*God of infinite mercy,*

*We thank you for Jesus our Savior, our true Mother*

*Who feeds us and gives us eternal life.*

*Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine,*

*We thank you that we have received the sacrament of Christ's presence,*

*The forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.*

*Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Savior,*

*Who with you and the Holy Spirit,*

*Lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Silence, and then the People join in this prayer:*

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## The Blessing

### Dismissal Hymn #493

“O for a thousand tongues to sing” *Azmon*

*Verses 1, 2, and 3 only*

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Text: Charles Wesley 1707-1788, alt.

Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Glaser 1784-1829; adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason 1792-1872

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*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Postlude**

### **Serving Today**

<b>8AM Lectors</b>	1st Reading: Marilyn Huebel 2nd Reading: Katie Kearns
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	
<b>10:30 AM Lectors</b>	1st Reading: Bill Pearson 2nd Reading: Eileen Murphy
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Kelly Clissold
<b>Crucifer</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julie Dulski

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