

August 29, 2021 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 417 - "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" by Brian Wren closes with "This is a day of new beginnings our God is making all things new."

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist #1: Come to listen for all God seeks to teach us. God has given us birth by the word of truth.

Liturgist #2 and Congregation: We are drawn to God as to a lover. We leap for joy when we know God's care.

Liturgist #1: Every perfect gift comes to us from God. God's image is a part of each one of us.

Liturgist #2 and Congregation: God's grace has been poured into our lives. Wisdom and understanding are offered to us.

Liturgist #1: Who will dwell on God's holy hill? Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.

Liturgist #2 and Congregation: We will honor God by honoring our neighbors. We will act toward them as we wish to be treated.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 178 - Inspired by a narrative from Mark, the author of this hymn was amazed at how care workers and spouses cared for patients.

Confession of Sin – Pastor and Congregation

O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing. We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst. Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce avarice, deceit, and violation of our promises to you and to one another. Turn us around so we can accept your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves as you want us to be, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri (Instrumental)

Old Testament Lesson – Liturgist #1 – Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise (Recorded) – "First Love" – by Christ Our Life Christian Fellowship

Epistle Lesson – Liturgist #2 – James 1:17-27

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory - NCH 45 - "Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb" says "Come see the One who understands your grief and pain. Refresh your heart and mind!"

Doxology (Instrumental)

Offertory Prayer

Gospel Lesson – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 576 - "For the Healing of the Nations" was first sung in observance of Human Rights Day in 1965. The first verse includes the line "...for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word."

Benediction

Postlude