

August 8, 2021 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship Leader this Morning is Scott Kinnamon

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Greeting

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 536 - Our opening hymn today is inspired by a sermon based on today's Epistle from Ephesians. "Savior, an Offering Costly and Sweet" closes with "May our love's incense rise sweeter than sacrifice, Savior to you, dear Savior to you."

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Wait for God, who deals gently with us. Watch for God's appearance among us.

Congregation: Out of the depths we cry out to God. Will God hear the voice of our supplications?

Liturgist: In all times and places, we can rely on God. We can know steadfast love, here and now.

Congregation: We keep our morning watch together. We will support one another as we seek to know God.

Liturgist: Find hope in God's power to redeem us. Give thanks for the new day God promises to us.

Congregation: Life's battles cannot destroy us. The losses we suffer are not the last word.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 329 - Our second hymn is connected to today's Gospel and was inspired by a 42 verse poem written in the 1100s. The first verse begins with "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" and continues with "fount of our lives, and light of all: From every bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call."

Confession of Sin

O Holy Spirit, how we have grieved you! How often our words have been bitter, filled with malice and anger. How easily have we uttered lies of pretension and self-protection. Forgive all that is false and evil within us and among us. Free us from the self-justifying excuses that keep us from reaching out to one another. We want to believe, to trust, to live as imitators of Jesus Christ. Help us, gracious God. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise (Recorded) – "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Sung by Chris Rice

Epistle Lesson – Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory - 743 - "Be Still and know that I am God."

Gospel Lesson – John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 533 - "Children of God" was written by American poet John Greenleaf Whittier. The final verse closes with "Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, and in its ashes plant the tree of peace."

Benediction

Postlude