

July 18, 2021 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Worship Leader this morning is Mark Pierick

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Greeting

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 54 - Our opening hymn is based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. "O Praise the Gracious Power" closes each of six verses with "We Praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

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

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

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

Liturgist: We have a covenant with our Creator. This is a time for renewal of our promises.

Response: God calls for righteousness and justice. God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 386 - "The Church's One Foundation" is based on the Epistle from Ephesians. This text was written by Samuel Stone and the tune is "Aurelia" by Samuel Wesley.

Confession of Sin

God of all times and places, we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age. We have disobeyed your commandments, violated your covenant with us, and forsaken your ways. We have denied our need for you and mistreated those whom you have called us to love. Loving Parent, hear your penitent children, and let us come home, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise (recorded video) "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" – a traditional Hymn sung by Travis Cottrell and Tammy Jensen

Epistle Lesson – Ephesians 2:11-22

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory - 207 - Our offertory today is also inspired by the Epistle lesson. "Just as I Am" was written by Charlotte Elliott after she became disabled in 1936.

Gospel Lesson – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 175 - Though categorized as an Epiphany hymn, "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come" is connected to our Gospel lesson. Fred Pratt Green wrote this hymn in 1967 with the text being a prayer for wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

Benediction

Postlude