

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

“Gather Us In” by worship team

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Gathering

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,****but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.****You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,****but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.****You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,****but we grow weary in doing what is right.****In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.****Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.****Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of † Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”

Humble thyself

In the sight of the Lord

Humble thyself

In the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up

Higher and higher

And He shall lift you up

**Humble thyself In the sight of the Lord**

Echo: Humble thyself In the sight of the Lord

**Humble thyself In the sight of the Lord**

Humble thyself In the sight of the Lord

**And He** and He

**Shall lift** shall lift

**You up** you up

**Higher and higher**

**And He** and He

**Shall lift** shall lift

**You up**

*(Repeat echo section)*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to the lowly. Give us your divine love which welcomes all to your table. Open us to see others as you see them. Teach us to share that all may know they are welcome and that they are needed for the wholeness of this community. We pray for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Word

BIBLE READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Ancient Words”

Verse 1

**Holy words long preserved**

**For our walk in this world**

**They resound with God's own heart**

**O let the ancient words impart**

Verse 2

**Words of life words of hope**

**Give us strength help us cope**

**In this world where'er we roam**

**Ancient words will guide us home**

**Chorus**

**Ancient words ever true  
 Changing me changing you  
 We have come with open hearts  
 O let the ancient words impart**

**Verse 3**

**Holy words of our faith  
 Handed down to this age  
 Came to us through sacrifice  
 O heed the faithful words of Christ**

**Verse 4**

**Martyr's blood stains each page  
 They have died for this faith  
 Hear them cry through the years  
 Heed these words and hold them dear**

**Chorus**

**Ancient words ever true  
 Changing me changing you  
 We have come with open hearts  
 O let the ancient words impart**

**Ending**

**We have come with open hearts  
 O let the ancient words impart  
 O let the ancient words impart**

GOSPEL

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

SERMON

Rev. Julie Brenden

HYMN OF THE DAY

Tune of ELW #561

words: "As We Gather at Your Table"

1 As we gather at your table,  
 as we listen to your word,  
 help us know, O God, your presence;  
 let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 Nourish us with sacred story  
 till we claim it as our own;  
 teach us through this holy banquet  
 how to make Love's vict'ry known.

- 2 Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*Responses:* Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING & HYMN      “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” *(Sing 2x)*

We bring the sacrifice of praise  
 Into the house of the Lord  
 We bring the sacrifice of praise  
 Into the house of the Lord  
 And we offer up to You  
 The sacrifices of thanksgiving  
 And we offer up to You  
 The sacrifices of joy

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMN    ELW #491    “Come, Let Us Eat” (unison)

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
 Our Lord's body let us take together,  
 our Lord's body let us take together.

- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,  
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,  
 in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
 In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
 in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,  
 rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,  
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Mothering God, **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you;  
 the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
 and the life of the Spirit  
 † bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN          “My Lighthouse”

#### **Verse 1**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
 In my failures You won't walk out  
 Your great love will lead me through  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Verse 2**

In the silence You won't let go  
 In the questions Your truth will hold  
 Your great love will lead me through  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Chorus**

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
 Shining in the darkness  
 I will follow You oh  
 My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
 I will trust the promise  
 You will carry me safe to shore  
 Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

**Verse 3**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
 With each morning I'll rise and sing  
 My God's love will lead me through  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Chorus**

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
 Shining in the darkness  
 I will follow You oh  
 My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
 I will trust the promise  
 You will carry me safe to shore  
 Safe to shore  
     safe to shore, safe to shore

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**