

Celebration of Worship

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for lemonade in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“Beautiful is the moment in which we understand that we are no more than an instrument of God; we live only as long as God wants us to live; we can do only as much as God makes us able to do; we are only as intelligent as God would have us be.”

Archbishop Oscar Romero

(Romero was gunned down by government soldiers while celebrating mass in the Cathedral of San Salvador on March 24, 1980)

God Invites Us to Worship

PRELUDE *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Callahan

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

We Offer Praise

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

South Side: Who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world;

North Side: Who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ;

All: Who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace, and has made known to us the mystery of his will.

Leader: This is our God! Let us worship God together!

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *More Love to Thee, O Christ* #359

God Speaks with a Heart of Love through the Word

FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message Taking a vacation...but not from church!

Prayer

TELLING GOD THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES AND RECEIVING

GOD'S FORGIVENESS: (in unison)

O God, you see us in our sin, and yet you love us anyway. We are so very grateful. And even when we continue on and on, over and over again with the same failings, your grace never runs out. We praise you for your faithfulness. We confess our inability to flee temptation apart from you. So, keep our eyes set ever on you.

Holy Spirit, continue to remind us of what is true, and convict us of our sin when it is necessary. Turn our hearts back to you. We receive your forgiveness and believe that we are righteous in your sight. Thank you gracious and loving God for the FREE gift of your pardon. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 6:1-13* p. 817

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10* p. 243

SERMON *“The City of David”*
Pastor Larry De Vuyst

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (in unison)

I believe in the living God, the joy of the universe,
who is the pulse and purpose of all things, seen and unseen,
who from the dust of earth calls up living beings to be children of eternity.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's true Son, who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,
who was betrayed, crucified, dead and buried in a borrowed tomb,
who on the third day was found to be gloriously alive!

I believe in the Holy Spirit of God,
who brings hope out of despair, love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow,
who unceasingly regenerates and reforms the church that it may always be the body of the risen Christ, loving the world through prayer, word and deed.

I believe that even I am caught up in the resurgent life of Jesus Christ,
and that nothing in life or death can separate me from his love and joy.

This I believe. Amen.

* HYMN *I'll Praise My Maker* #253

