

Service for the Lord's Day

18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Prelude

Riley 76

Louis Alexander

Call to Worship

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

*Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*Facing Our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

*Kyrie (Hymn 692)

Spirit, Open My Heart

Irish melody

Spir - it, o - pen my heart _____ to the joy and pain of
liv - ing. _____ As you love may I love, _____ in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. _____ Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(*All who are able may stand.)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

Passing the peace is more than a greeting. It is a ritual acting out of Jesus' call to love and forgive others, as we have been loved. We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

*Response to God's Grace (Hymn 755)

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
may God's pro - mise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!

PROCLAMATION

Message for Children

This is Where Children Belong

James Ritchie

This, this is where children belong; welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

Anthem

Write Your Blessed Name

K. Lee Scott

Stewardship Moment: Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Deane Irving

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

Pew Bible, NT page 80

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed

Generations of Generosity: Grounded in Gratitude

Betty Connette

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith

Insert

*Hymn 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

