

AUGUST 15, 2021

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: Come in peace, brothers and sisters. In this sacred place you will find what you need to fill your emptiness.

People: We hunger for God, and our souls will always be hungry until we encounter him.

Pastor: Jesus Christ will satisfy your yearning. His body is bread that will nourish you, and his blood is drink that will give you eternal life.

People: We will receive Jesus as spiritual food and drink, to deepen our faith and increase our desire to do God's will as it is done in heaven.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

#HYMN #20 *All People Who on Earth Do Dwell*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Holy God, as we come before you today we sense your presence. We believe that you are always in our midst even when we cannot see or hear you, working quietly to accomplish your will and revealing yourself to us as you see fit. Lord, satisfy our spiritual hunger during this time of worship by giving us Christ as our spiritual food and drink. We ask that you open our ears to hear Jesus' word, open our minds to receive his wisdom, and open our hearts to fill them with his mercy and love for others. May we be Jesus' flesh and blood presence here on earth in our work and recreation, in our church fellowship, and in the ministry we do in his name. Now we recite the prayer our Savior taught his followers, saying. . .

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ephesians 5:15-20 (Bible page?) and John 6:51-58 (Bible page?)

SERMON MESSAGE: Hungry and Restless Rev. Gagnon

#HYMN #119 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Invitation to Pray and Receiving the Prayer Request Slips
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
Organ Response

OFFERTORY

Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music
Doxology (#45 – Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Lord Jesus, you are the only true food and drink for our lives, and we want you to live in us and through us. In an effort to see the needy through your concerned eyes, feel compassion for them with your caring heart, and reach out to love them with your outstretched, compassionate arms, we offer these gifts in your name. Bless them, we pray, that they might become a catalyst for the good you want to accomplish in the world and help in some small way to build up the kingdom of God. Amen.

#HYMN #102 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: As we leave this place of worship, let us feed on Christ in times of loneliness, loss and fear.

People: May Jesus, the Bread of Life, nourish our spirits and give us strength to follow in his way.

Pastor: Let us be incarnations of Jesus and his love to the world, and share the riches of our faith with everyone we meet.

People: Christ dwells in our hearts. May his presence in us be made known wherever we are, by whatever we say and do.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE