

Today's Worship
Aug. 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME Rev. Chris Hester

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader and People

L: God calls us here today.

P: We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.

L: God calls YOU here today.

P: We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.

L: God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!

P: We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us.

AMEN.

MUSIC **Be Thou My Vision** All
(See screen for words)

MUSIC **The Love of God** All
(See screen for words)

OPENING PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Karen Hoyt

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The concerns are followed by:

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER All

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, the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

THE WORD

Rev. Hoyt

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 1:11-20 (CEB)

11 What should I think about all your sacrifices?

says the LORD. I'm fed up with entirely burned offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts. I don't want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats.

12 When you come to appear before me, who asked this from you, this trampling of my temple's courts?

13 Stop bringing worthless offerings. Your incense repulses me.

New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly— I can't stand wickedness with celebration!

14 I hate your new moons and your festivals. They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing.

15 When you extend your hands, I'll hide my eyes from you. Even when you pray for a long time, I won't listen. Your hands are stained with blood.

16 Wash! Be clean! Remove your ugly deeds from my sight. Put an end to such evil;

17 learn to do good. Seek justice: help the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let's settle this, says the LORD.

Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow.

If they are red as crimson, they will become like wool.

19 If you agree and obey, you will eat the best food of the land.

20 But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.

The LORD has said this.

MUSIC **Yes I Know** Clark Wright

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Hester

SERMON

CONFESSION

ABSOLUTION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time has come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

