

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*"Who do y'all  
say that I am?"*

*~Jesus*

**AUGUST 23, 2020**

## WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,*

*If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.*

*Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.*

*A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,*

*Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

*Again welcome ...*

**PRE-SERVICE**

*Steal Away to Heaven*

Hayes

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.*

*Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

*We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

*Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale*

Young

## THE GATHERING

*We stand and face the baptismal font.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.  
***Amen.***

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.*

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

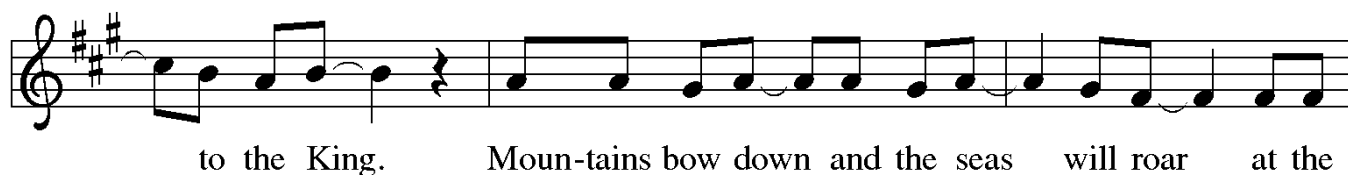
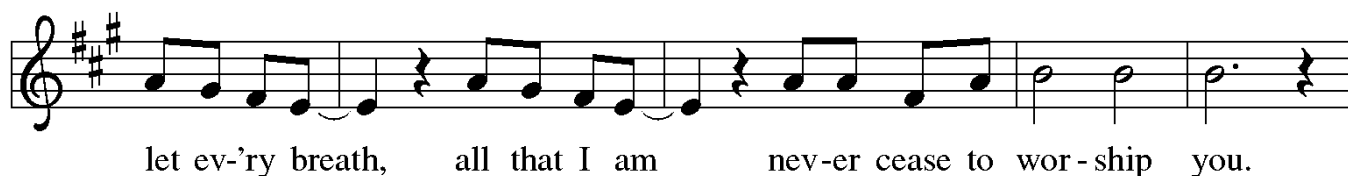
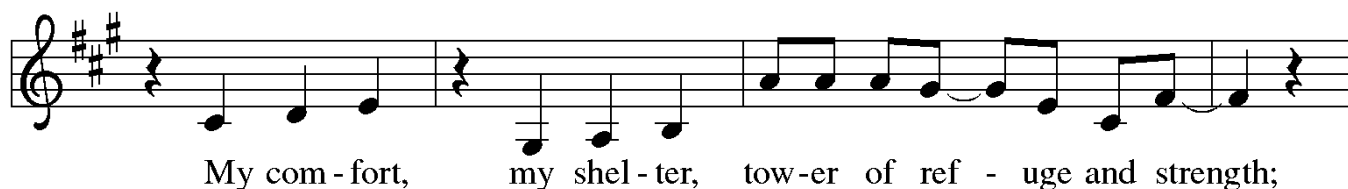
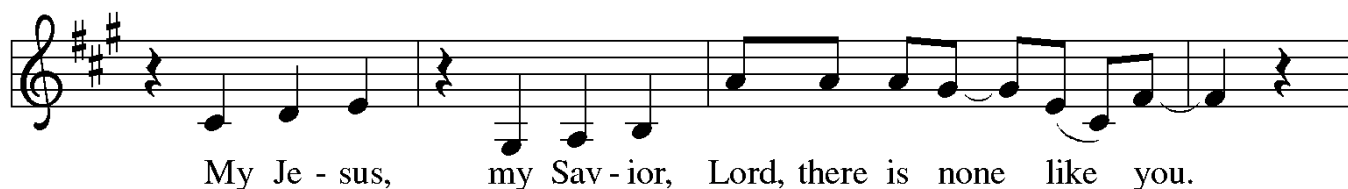
Reconciling God,  
***we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.  
We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.  
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.  
We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.***

Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

## HYMN

*Shout to the Lord*

W&amp;P 124



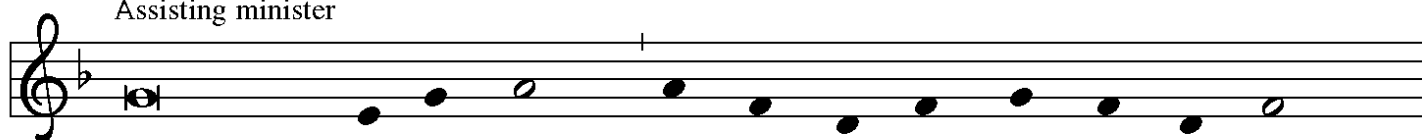
## GREETING

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.*

## GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



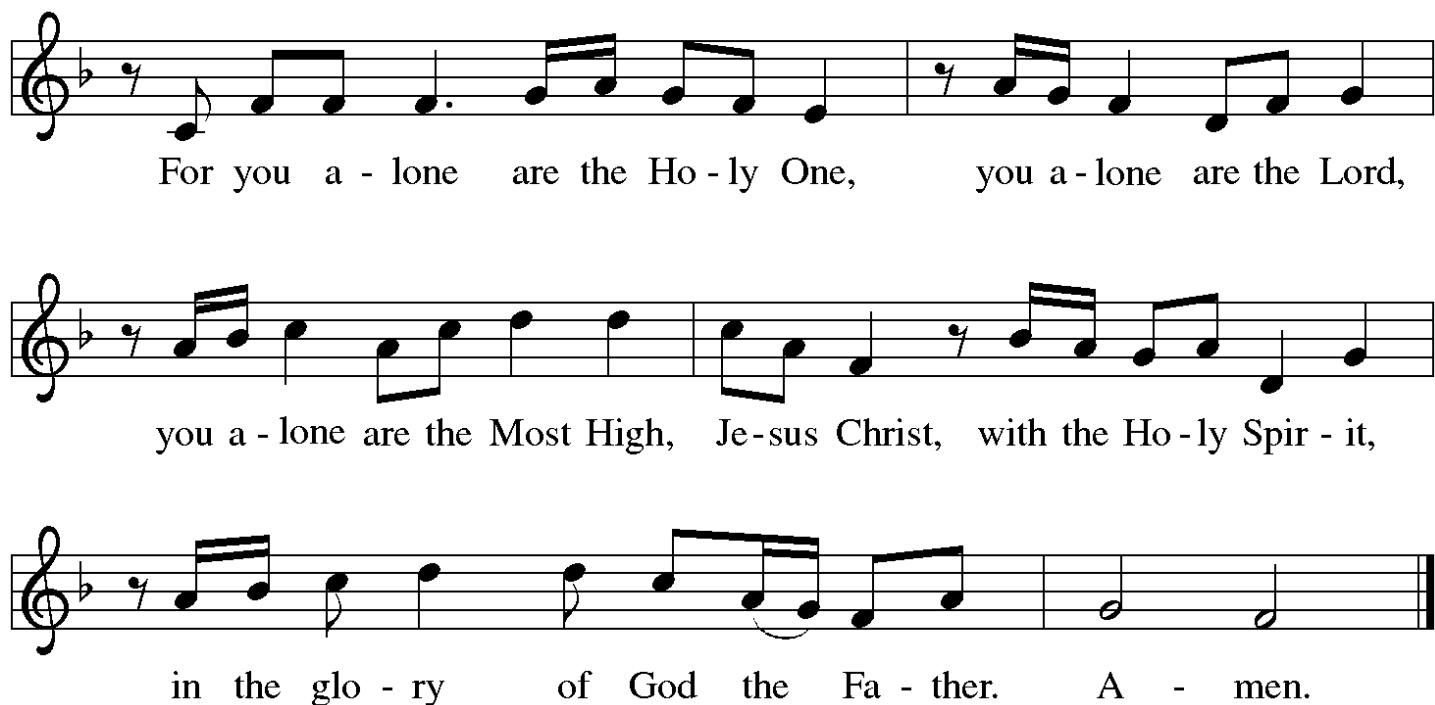
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

***O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## THE WORD

### READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

*A reading from Isaiah.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

***<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise  
your name, because of your steadfast love and  
faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and  
your word above all things.***

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

***<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.***

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

***<sup>6</sup>The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.***

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

***<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not  
abandon the works of your hands.***

## **READING: Romans 12:1-8**

*A reading from Romans.*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you



not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

*We stand.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He

said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, O Christ.***  
*We sit.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

***Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.***

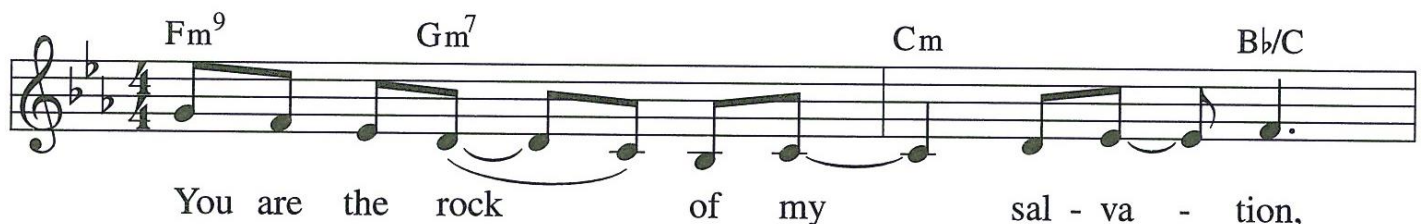
## SERMON

*“Who do YOU say that I am?”*

## HYMN

*You Are the Rock of My Salvation*

W&P 161



$A\flat M^7$   $B\flat$   $Cm$   $B\flat/C$   $Fm^9$   $Gm^7$   
 you are the strength of my life. You are my hope and my in -

$Cm$   $B\flat/C$   $A\flat M^7$   $B\flat$   $Cm$   
 - spi - ra - tion; Lord, un - to you will I cry. I be -

$A\flat M^7$   $B\flat$   $Gm^7$   $Cm^7$   
 lieve in you, be - lieve in you, for your

$A\flat M^7$   $B\flat$   $Cm^7$   $B\flat/C$   $Cm^7$   $A\flat M^7$   $B\flat$   
 faith - ful love to me. You have been my help in

$Gm^7$   $Cm^7$   $Fm$   $Fm/A\flat$   $Gsus$   $G$   
 time of need; Lord, un - to you will I cleave.

$Fm^9$   $Gm^7$   $Cm$   $B\flat/C$   
 You are the rock of my sal - va - tion,

$A\flat M^7$   $B\flat$   $Cm$   
 you are the strength of my life.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the 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**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*The Prayers conclude:*

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## OFFERING

*We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting [www.WeAreMtHermon.com](http://www.WeAreMtHermon.com) and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.*

## OFFERING

*The Journey*

Joseph M. Martin

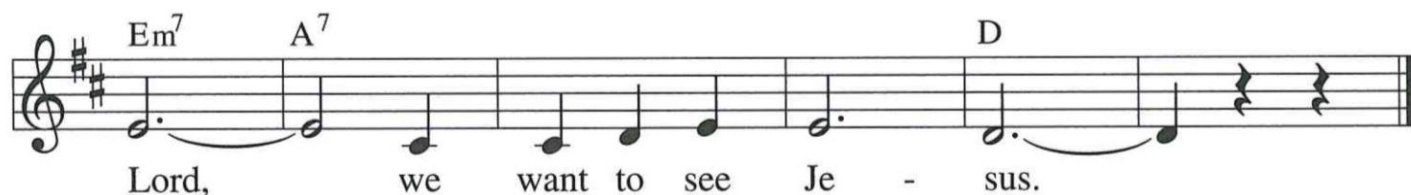
*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

W&P 113

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, G<sup>2</sup>, G, Em<sup>7</sup>/A, A<sup>7</sup>, G/D, D, A/C<sup>#</sup>, Bm, D/A, GM<sup>9</sup>, Em, A<sup>7</sup>, G/D, D<sup>2</sup>, D, DM<sup>7</sup>, A/G, G, Em<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, G/D, D, A, Bm<sup>7</sup>, D/A, GM<sup>9</sup>. The lyrics are: O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je - sus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,



## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

***God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.***

***Water and word, wine and bread:***

***these are signs of your abundant grace.***

***Nourish us through these gifts,***

***that we might proclaim your steadfast love***

***in our communities and in the world,***

***through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.***

## THE MEAL

*Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

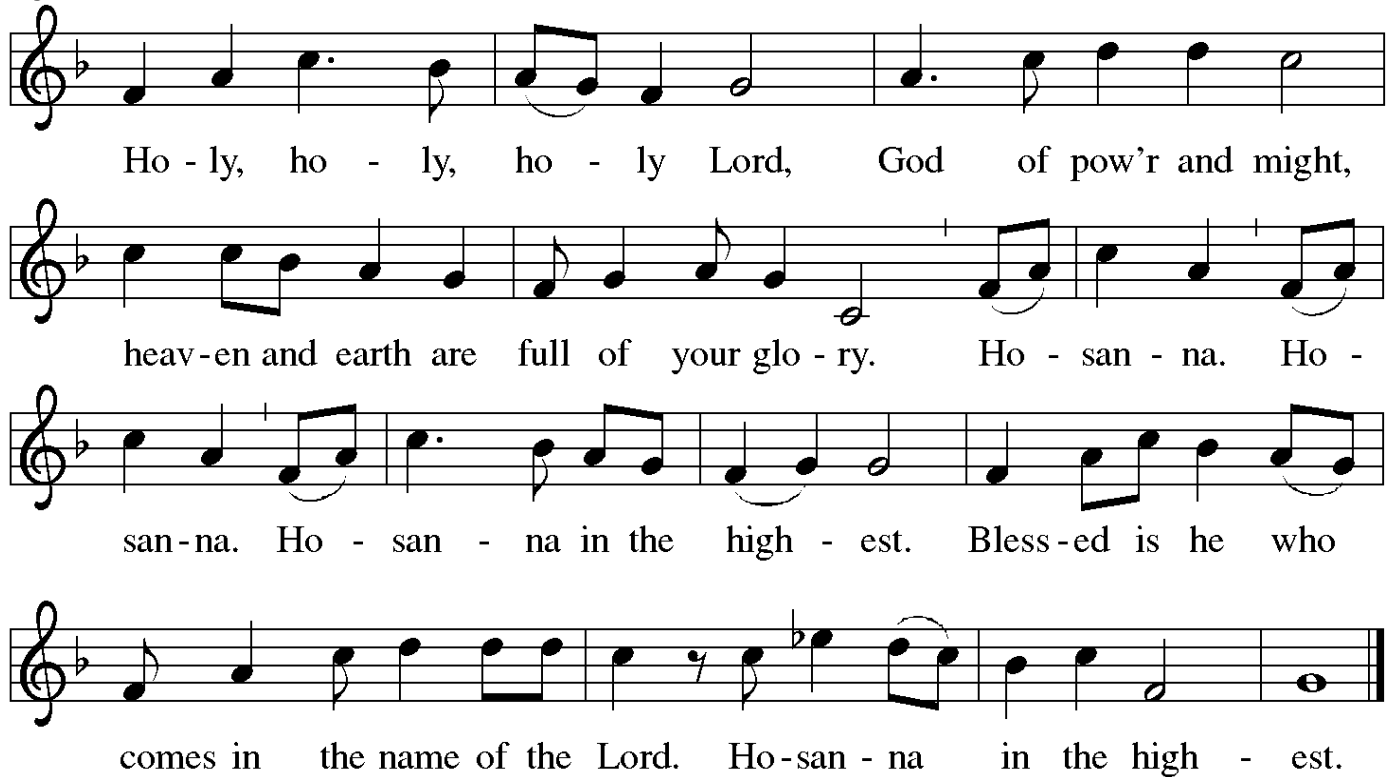
***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious



resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, teaching us, leading us, and guiding us. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,*

***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.***

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Friends of Jesus, come to the table.

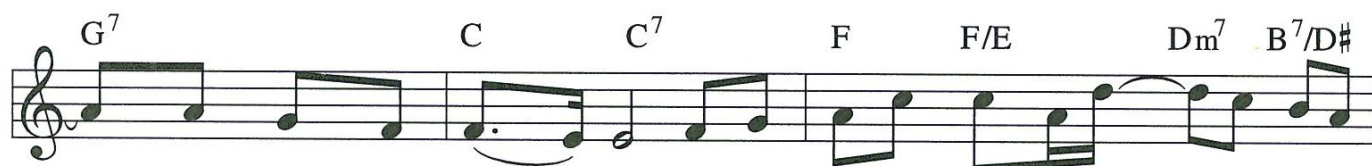
Receive nourishment for your journey.

*You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time to receive communion. We will have Drive-In Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 10:30-1:00.*

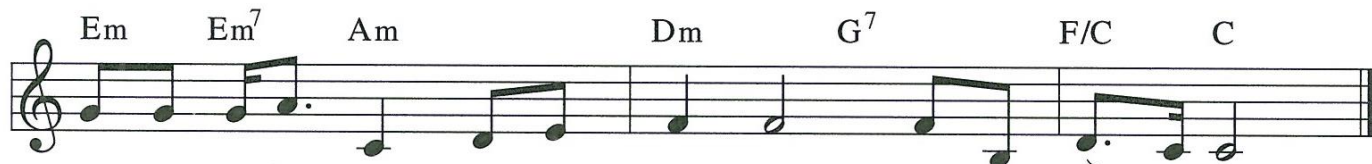




1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your  
 3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -  
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .



Lord God Al - mighty - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a  
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a  
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a  
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a  
 . . . . . hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.  
 to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.  
 to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.  
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

# THE SENDING

## BLESSING

There is no place where God does not live.

There is no moment when God has, is, and will not be present.

There is no time that God does not love you.

May you go now into the world knowing God † is right by your side. *Amen.*

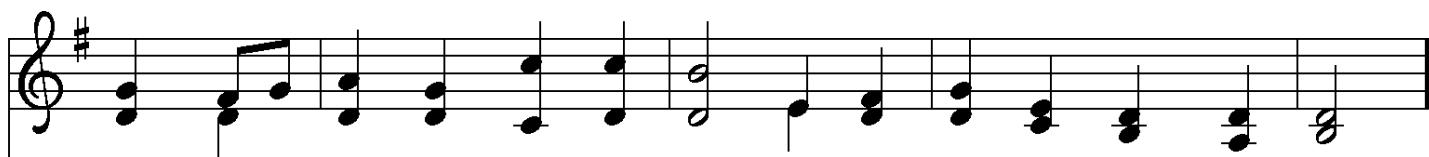
## HYMN

### *For the Beauty of the Earth*

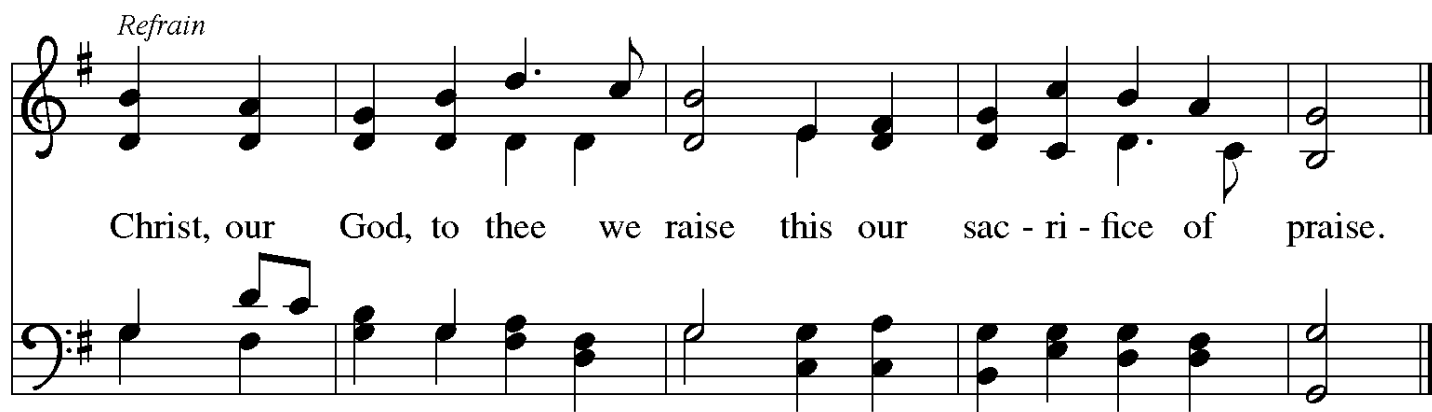
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- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

*Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Old Hundredth"*

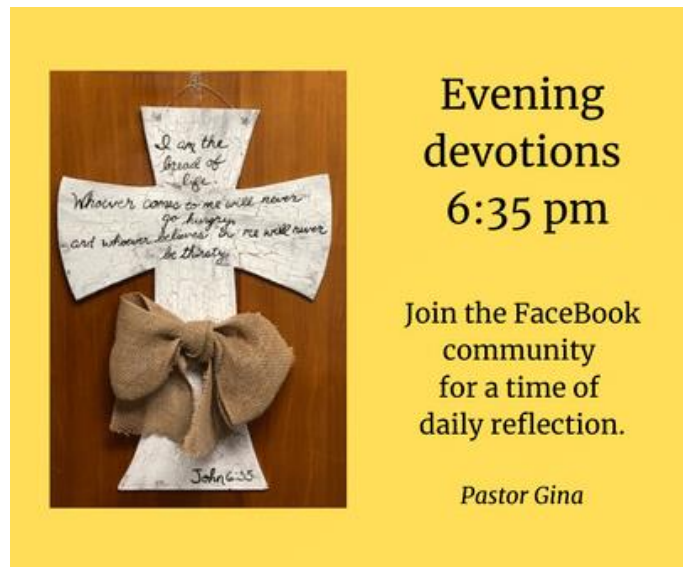
Fred Bock

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Tom & June Roof.





## **Back to School Supplies Needed**

24 pack crayons, colored pencils, markers, dry erase markers  
Pencil pouches, pencil boxes  
Scissors, glue sticks, dry erase erasers  
Earbuds, headphones  
3-ring binders (1.5"), wide rule notebook paper  
Composition books, dividers  
Bookbags  
Tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes



# **Tithes, and Offering for 08/16/2020** **Live Stream Worship – 123+** **Drive-In Communion – 56**

<b>Current &amp; Benevolent</b>	Received	\$4,423.00
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	\$310.00
<b>Growing on Holy Ground</b>	Received	\$1,200.00
<b>Live Streaming This Week</b>		\$220.00
<b>Live Streaming Total Rec'd</b>		\$5,438.27

## **Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)**

In memory of Jimmy Bouknight by Ann Bouknight

*Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!*



### **Tithe.ly Online Giving.**

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# MT HERMON PRAYS ...

## ***Homebound and Care Facilities***

Patricia Bachman, <i>Carolina Gardens</i>	Margie Hook, <i>home</i>
Alberta Berry, <i>home</i>	Rev. Everette Price, <i>home</i>
Hazel Bockus, <i>Carolina Gardens</i>	Tom Roof, <i>home</i>
Nell Buff, <i>home</i>	June Roof, <i>Rapha</i>
Lila Catt, <i>home</i>	Lois Watson, <i>Lexington Place</i>
Lynwood Crout, <i>home</i>	Lena Wessinger, <i>Presby. Home</i>

## ***Members in Special Need of Prayer***

Becky Koon	Gene Schofield
Clifton & Ann Addy	Rodney Oswald

## ***Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers***

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*  
Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*  
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*  
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*  
Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*  
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*  
Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb Bucknam*  
Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*  
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*  
Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb Bucknam*  
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*  
Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*  
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*  
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*  
Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*  
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*  
Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*  
Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*  
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*  
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*  
Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*  
Andrew & Candice Coleman, *friends of Erica Conklin*  
Carolyn Shumpert, *sister of Jan Schofield and Andrea Bowers*  
David Hydrick, *cousin of Buddy Hydrick*  
Sarah Hiltz, *granddaughter of Buddy & Angie Hydrick*  
Clara Shultz, *friend of Sheila Starkey*

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

Reception of New Members

Frank & Bonnie Bouknight

10:30 am Coffee, Food and Fellowship via Zoom

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Andrea Bowers & Jo Leach)

**Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

~~9:00 – 11:00~~ Food Pantry (Closed - Labor Day Weekend)



*Church offices closed*



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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom

**Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting via Zoom

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Angie Hydrick & Doris Maddox)

**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware)