

"Thus says the Lord: 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed." – Isaiah 56:1

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 10, 2025 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)

PRELUDE "Partita" Bernardo Pasquini

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

MINUTE FOR MISSION: The Lords Food Pantry

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

## CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER (adapted from Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23)

Our God will not keep silent;

he calls to the heavens above and to the earth below,

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me! Hear, O my people, for I am the LORD, your God.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way, I will show them my salvation."

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God alone is judge.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, we gather before you to plead for your mercy. We seek redemption through token sacrifices, rather than doing the justice that you demand. We have blood on our hands in the way that we ignore the cries of the oppressed, the widow, and the orphan. We prefer to starve our enemies into submission rather than feeding them with overwhelming grace. Lord, have mercy. Teach us to do what is right. Wash us and make us clean, so that we may enter into your presence to sing praises to your name.

SILENT PRAYER

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

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. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:32-40

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00] "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Richard Walters

Come, thou Fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing. Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the Mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.
Here I raise mine Ebenezer, Hither by Thy Help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Bill Young - Tenor

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee;

Prone to wander. Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart. O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"Opening Argument"

Rev. George W. Chapman III

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

What do we believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### **OFFERING**

\*Response: Hymn #606 "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

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

\*HYMN #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Ushers: Eric & Susan Lehmann
Welcome Table: Audrey Lee
Greeter: Leslie Claiborne
Liturgist: Gail Thomas
Acolyte: Steven Vattimo

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by the Zimmerman and Hanson family in loving memory of Shirley's birthday.

As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone before our worship service begins.

#### SPC CHURCH OFFICERS

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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

