

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

10:00 a.m.

### UP: Calling Each Other into Worship

PRELUDE

Favorite Hymns  
(feel free to sing or hum along at home)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(responsively)*

The Bible commands us to work. Colossians 3:23 says:

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,  
as working for the Lord, not for humans.**

Romans 12:11 says:

**Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.**

We also heed verses that command us to rest.

In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says:

**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.**

Mark 6:31 says:

**Because so many people were coming and going  
that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to the disciples,  
“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”**

HYMN 205 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (vs. 1 & 3)

Tune: EARTH AND ALL STARS

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

**Refrain**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise: give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.**

**Refrain**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 622 God, Be Merciful to Me

Tune:

**God, be merciful to me, on your grace I rest my plea;  
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.**

**Refrain**

**God, be merciful to me, on your grace I rest my plea.**

**My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face.**

**Refrain**

**I am evil, born in sin; you desire truth within.**

**Make me pure, your mercy show; wash me whiter than the snow.**

**Refrain**

**Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice;  
from my sins, O hide your face, blot them out in boundless grace.**

**Refrain**

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GRATEFUL LIVING

CHILDREN’S TIME

### IN: Listening to God’s Word Together

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26-28a; 2:1-3

HYMN 433 In God Alone (sung twice)

Tune: IN GOD ALONE

**In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.**

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SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-10

SERMON

“Rhythm of Life” The Semi-Circle

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### OUT: Giving Ourselves to God’s Work

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Our Song of Hope, stanza 21 (*in unison*)

**God will renew the world through Jesus,  
who will put all unrighteousness out,  
purify the works of human hands,  
and perfect their fellowship in divine love.**

**Christ will wipe away every tear;  
death shall be no more.  
There will be a new heaven and a new earth,  
and all creation will be filled with God's glory.  
Come, Lord Jesus:  
We are open to your Spirit.  
We await your full presence.  
Our world find rest in you alone.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

OFFERTORY It Is Well with My Soul Philip P. Bliss, arr. by Lloyd Larson

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot,  
Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
*It is well with my soul.*

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought,  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound  
and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.  
—Horatio G. Spafford

\*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 296 We Are Called (vs. 3)

Tune: WE ARE CALLED

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

**Refrain**

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

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BENEDICTION

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kama Jongerius, Benjamin Kamphuis, preaching; Rev. Kent Fry, Kate Bolt  
liturgist; Kate Bolt, cantor; Roger DeYoung, prayer for illumination; Linn Gann, minute for mis-  
sion; Sarah Ashcroft Vanden Brink, offertory; Rob, Andy, & Sam Lunn, musicians; Linda  
Strouf, Minister of Music.*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Children's Time with Ms. Joyce

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### Monday

7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

### Tuesday

5:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

10:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayers

\*All services & meetings will be held in Zoom.

See trcholland.org for details on how to login with Zoom.

## Congregational News

*Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.*

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital-Jim VanderMeer. Hospice Care-Bob Palma. Hallmark Living Center-Elizabeth Bennett; American House-Arlene Barton. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

Check Our Website for up-to-date information on Third Church activities and virtual connection opportunities. [www.trcholland.org](http://www.trcholland.org)

CONSISTORY has approved three committees that are working toward a smooth staff transition. This approach to Succession Planning was designed by the Governing Elders and the Personnel Committee in consultation with Scott Lokers of the RCA and in compliance with the RCA *Pastoral Search Handbook* (updated 2020). The Pastoral Care Committee is focusing on caring for Kent, Kama and Joyce during and after their professional transition year. The Vision and Values committee is producing a Vision and Values document and also a Congregational Profile (church demographics and so forth). The Mutual Ministry Committee is a Senior Pastor search committee that will remain constituted a year after the called pastor arrives in order to facilitate the transition experience for the new pastor and the congregation.

As these three committees accomplish their duties, we will need congregational feedback in the form of town hall meetings. The following is a Consistory approved timeline with some dates to put on your calendar.

- Sept. 13, 2020 5PM - Town Hall to review Vision & Values Document and Church Profile
- Sept. 15, 2020 - Consistory to approve V & V Statement and Church Profile
- Oct. 11, 2020 - Town Hall to review Call Information Packet
- Oct. 20, 2020 - Consistory to approve Call Information Packet
- Q1 2021 - MMC (Search Committee) Town Hall
- Followed by - MMC Recommends One Candidate to Consistory
- Followed by - Candidate Visit
- Followed by - Consistory Determining the Will of the Congregation
- Followed by - Senior Pastor Start Date

If you are interested in seeing the discussion on “The Color of Compromise” please contact Kristen in the church office, [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org), so the video can be shared with you.

UPPER ROOM: Upper Room devotionals for September and October are now available. Please contact Kristen in the church office, [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org) or 392-1459, to make arrangements to get one.

Daily Scripture Readings from  
“At Home with the Word”  
August 24–30

Monday:	Exodus 3:1-15
Tuesday:	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 15:15-21
Thursday:	Psalms 26:1-8
Friday:	Romans 12:9-21
Saturday:	Matthew 16:21-28
Sunday:	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost