

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

AUGUST 16TH, 2026
10:00AM SERVICE

Church of the Messiah



THE GATHERING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN G MINOR

-FLORENT SCHMITT (1870-1958)

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jim Lee

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

The Rev. Jim Lee

Together

Imaginative God, creator of all that is, inspire us who are overwhelmed by the complexities of life. Send through us the great rushing wind of your spirit to stir our hopes and breathe into us new life. Rekindle in us the flame of your spirit, that with energy and enthusiasm we may rise to meet the challenges of our life, and work to bring heaven on earth, today and every day of our lives. *Amen.*

All stand and sing, as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Hymnal 1982 #380

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Rev. Jim Lee

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Remain standing.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All together.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sing.

SONG OF PRAISE

The Hymnal 1982 #S-236

(found in very front of hymnal)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Remain standing.

SALUTATION

The Rev. Jim Lee

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All are seated.

LESSON

Jennings Gardner

ISAIAH 56: 1, 6-8

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Lector

THE WORD OF THE LORD

People

THANKS BE TO GOD

PSALM 67; *DEUS MISEREATUR*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Seated.

EPISTLE

Nancy Whitehead

ROMANS 11: 1-2A, 29-32

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector
People

THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

Stand, all who are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 #469

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

All sing, all verses.

Remain standing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Rev. Jim Lee

MATTHEW 15: 10-28

*Gospeller
People*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Gospeller
People*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Brad Karelius, Rector Emeritus

A period of silent reflection follows.

Standing or kneeling, as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Charlene Lord

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

(A brief period of silence is kept)

Leader Loving God, mercifully accept our prayers and draw us into the energy of your being. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader In the confusions and stresses of daily life, help us to hear your voice. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Dissolve the barriers of suspicion that divide us from one another and help us to reflect your justice and love. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble and deliver them from their distress. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world to be committed to justice and peace on the earth. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Remain standing.

INTERCESSIONS

Charlene Lord

The People may add their own petitions after additional intercessions are read.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Charlene Lord

Leader

O God, you made us in your image and created us in love. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which contaminate our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; and guide us to work through our struggles and confusions to accomplish your purposes on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kneel - all who are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Rev. Jim Lee

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

All say together:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says.

ABSOLUTION

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

All stand.

THE PEACE

The Rev. Jim Lee

Priest Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
Let us therefore greet one another in the name of the Lord:
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Rev. Jim Lee

Priest Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jennings Gardner, soloist

SHE CAME TO JESUS

*She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free.*

*Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.*

*God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.*

*Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961)
Music: Traditional Irish Folk Tune (10th-11th c.)*

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Stand, all who are able. All sing as the gifts are brought to the Altar.

PRESENTATION HYMN

THROUGH LOVE TO LIGHT!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Through love to light! O won - der - ful the way That leads from dark - ness to the per - fect day; From dark - ness and from sor - row of the night To morn - ing that comes sing - ing o'er the sea! Through love to light! Through light, O God, to Thee, Who are the Love of love, th'e - ter - nal Light of light! A - men." The score consists of five systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal melody. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

Through love to light! O won - der - ful the way That leads from
dark - ness to the per - fect day; From dark - ness and from
sor - row of the night To morn - ing that comes sing - ing o'er the sea!
Through love to light! Through light, O God, to Thee,
Who are the Love of love, th'e - ter - nal Light of light! A - men.

Music: Jean Sibelius (1865 - 1957)
Words: Richard W. Gilder (1844 - 1909)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Jim Lee

Presider God dwells in you.
People And also in you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Priest continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

In fulfillment of Christ's true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting people of many tongues and giving to your Church the power to serve you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All sing.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The Hymnal 1982 #S-129

All kneel or stand, as able.

CONSECRATION

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People together.

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language of our choice, we are bold to say,

All say together.

THE 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 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept, during which the Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Rev. Jim Lee

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Facing the people, the Presider says.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO GOD'S TABLE

All persons are welcome to come to the altar. Children of all ages are included in this invitation. At the altar, you may stand or kneel. Please take hold of the chalice and guide it to your lips. If you do not wish to receive wine, please acknowledge the chalice by touching it when it is offered. After receiving the bread and wine, it is customary to say, "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms to signal that you desire a blessing instead of communion. Let an usher know if you would prefer taking communion at your seat.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS AND UNFERMENTED GRAPE JUICE

We offer gluten-free wafers and/or unfermented grape juice for those who prefer such an option. Please inform the clergy of your needs or desire when you come to receive the sacraments.

All sing, seated.

HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 #51

WE THE LORD'S PEOPLE

All sing, seated

HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 #537

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING

Standing or kneeling – all who are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Rev. Jim Lee

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People.

Eternal God, great Creator, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food, in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage, to love and serve you, with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING

Presider The Lord bless you and keep you: *Amen.*

Presider The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: *Amen.*

Presider The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace: *Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God *Amen.*

All stand and sing.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Hymnal 1982 #539

O ZION HASTE, THE MISSION HIGH FULFILLING

Standing.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

The People are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Jim Lee

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

PRAISE THE LORD WITH DRUMS AND CYMBALS, Op 101, No. 5

-SIGFRID KARG-ELERT (1877-1933)

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Special thanks to the Altar Guild Team for their dedication in preparing the church for worship.

10:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Preacher:

The Rev. Canon Brad Karelius, Rector Emeritus

Presider:

The Rev. Dr. Jim Lee

Assistant Director of Music:

Ryan Guidotti

Organist and Pianist:

Joyce Dery

Soloist:

Jennings Gardner

MC and Prayers:

Charlene Lord

Crucifer:

Ken Thompson

Readers:

Jennings Gardner and Nancy Whitehead

Chalice:

Charlene Lord & Jean Hollingshead

Ushers:

David Chay and Andy Ouelette

Intercessory Prayer:

Deidre Gaffney

Zoom/AV Support:

Gene Dery

Pew Crew:

Volunteers

BEST WISHES FROM YOUR MESSIAH FAMILY!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jesus Martinez 08/02

Bob Bulseco 08/03

Guelda Brimage 08/04

Stephanie Worth 08/05

Kiara Guadalupe Lopez 08/05

Jorge Garrido Jr. 08/07

Gerald Goran + 08/08

Royal Lord 08/09

Thomas Scott 08/09

Sarah Brindle 08/09

Sara Grishkewich 08/10

Larry Budner 08/13

Eduardo Lopez 08/15

Patty Scales 08/15

Derek Henderson 08/16

Jeffrey Budner 08/16

Emma Walker 08/18

Maria Quirino 08/18

John Mendel 08/19

Alan Scales 08/20

Mackenzie Hively 08/20

Lorna Adkins 08/21

Norma Guerra 08/25

Kathy Martin 08/26

Bill Wallace 08/26

Kim Clary 08/27

Miguel Pulido 08/27

Danny Vazquez 08/28

James Elerding 08/29

Rosa Vazquez 08/30

Sussie Quinn 08/30

Leonora Will 08/30

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Steven & Diane Bruce 08/01

Steve & Marsha Hively 08/03

John & Luan Mendel 08/07

Jim Lee & Julie Cho 08/08

Claudia Moran & Raul Roque 08/22

Frank & Kathryn Remkiewicz 08/22

Biff & Marianna Baker 08/24

Kim Clary & David Morena 08/24

Rosa & + David Vazquez 08/24

Al & Patty Scales 08/26