

Prayers and Praises

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022; 9:00 am

We Gather Together

Prelude: "Te Deum" (Grosser Gott)
"At the Name of Jesus"

arr. Paul Manz

arr. by Richard Wienhorst

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

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Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** (*Jeremiah 18, Psalm 139*)

Linda Dorn

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

The Holy One knows us and sustains us,
even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

Who can count the thoughts of God?

They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Like clay in the hand of the potter,
we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

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for the wonderful works of God.

***Prayer**

Boundless Shaper of people and nations, you are beyond our knowing,
yet closer to us than our every breath.

**You are before us and behind us, surrounding us with your love,
and fashioning all of creation in the secret depths of your heart.**

With every thought, with every song, and with every prayer,
turn these fragile, earthen vessels of our lives,
into the Spirit-filled body of Christ.

Amen.

***Hymn GTG 264** "At the Name of Jesus"

Cantor, Laurie Christie

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
August 28, 2022	105	\$3,362.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
August 28, 2022		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
08/22--08/26/22		\$801.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
08/22--08/26/22		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$4,163.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$46,406.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
8/28/2022	6		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 08/28/2022

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

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***Call to Confession**

Jesus calls us to follow him, knowing that the path is difficult and that sin lurks at every turn. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us seek forgiveness, that we may follow more nearly in the way of Jesus.

***Confession** *(Psalm 139, Philemon, Luke 14)*

God of our lives, you search us and know us.

We have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry.

We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self.

We have not counted the cost of walking into an unknown future with you.

Help us turn away from evil, that we may walk with you once more.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon** *(Psalm 139)*

The Holy One rejoices in our repentance, reshaping us into vessels of love and service. In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sharing God’s Peace**

Being at peace with God, let us also be at peace with one another.

The Peace of Christ be with! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also with you.’ Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Hymn PH #577** “Glory Be to the Father”

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Gospel Lesson Luke 14:25-33

Children’s Time

Katy Johnston

Message “Planning Commission”

Pastor Dan Schultz

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn GTG 213 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (vs. 1, 3, 5)

Sacrament of Holy Communion See insert titled **Invitation to the Table.**

The Offering: “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” *arr. by Joh. Phil. Kirnberger*

(We encourage you to share from your abundance to support the ministries and outreach of our church. You may give in person during the service, mail your check to our church office or give electronically through our website.)

***Offertory #428** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs 1)

***Offertory Prayer**

Giving God, as you would transform our doubts and set us free from our fears, so we pray these gifts we offer might bring hope to those who despair, feed those who hunger for hope as well as food, and gather them into your community of wonder and joy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn GTG 410** “God is Calling through the Whisper”

***Charge and Benediction:**

Let all God’s people say,
Alleluia, Amen!

***Closing Refrain PH 537** “Shalom Chaverim!” *(1st verse English, 2nd verse Hebrew)*

(Shalom, Chaverim! Farwell, Good Friends

This Hebrew blessing is set to a traditional Israeli melody. The version in *The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990)* differs from others in its use of both the masculine *chaverim* and the feminine *chaverot*, plural Hebrew words for “good friends.:

The Hebrew is pronounced: Shah-lom, kah-vay-reem, shah-lohm, kah-vay-roht! Lah-heet-rah-oht.)

Postlude: “W Zlobie Lezy”

arr. by Dale Wood