

**12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020**

**Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence**

Prelude

*My Faith It Is an Oaken Staff
In Heavenly Love Abiding*

*Broughton
Parker*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship**

Hob Pusey

Let us worship God.

“He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

Let us worship the Triune God.

 **Invocation**

Hob Pusey

O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 1

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!*

*Thou our Father Christ, our Brother—All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads u sunward in the triumph song of life.
A-men*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession
(Responsively)

Hob Pusey

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved
our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
**Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hob Pusey

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

! Gloria Patri

*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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering
Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Let us be faithful stewards
of our time, our talents, and our money.
so that our treasure is in heaven
and our giving pleases God.

Offering

**Please place your offerings in the plate in the back of the church on your way out.*

Special Music

*Lord, I Need You
(Kelly Fox, Pamela Johnson)*

! Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

! Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, we bless you for all your many gifts to us.
We return these gifts as a token of our gratitude,
longing for the conviction and strength
to offer our whole lives to your service.
We pray especially today for your blessing on these gifts.
Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon

*“Harmony and Humility”
Tim Latham*

Responding

We respond to God’s Word

Hymn 455

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

*Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for Him more fitted, Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness, each his sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.*

*Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, Tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work with Him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.*

*God’s command to love each other is required of every man.
Showing mercy to a brother mirrors his redemptive plan.
In compassion he has given of his love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace are fully thine.*

*Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ’s name believe.
Worship Him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For His grace give him the glory, for the spirit and the word,
And repeat the gospel story ‘till all men his name have heard.*

! Confession of Faith *(Responsively)*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."

**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, In your Mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 51

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrims through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.
A-men.*



Benediction & Blessing



Organ Postlude