

Order of Worship *8th Sunday after Pentecost* July 18, 2010

Preparation & Praise

Prelude		Gary Tyner
Welcome		Rev. Susan Lisack
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 15</i>	Marge Carr
* Opening Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace (v 1, 2, 3)</i>	343
* Invocation & Affirmation		812

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.

Giving To God

Children's Sermon

At this time children Pre-K thru 1st grade may go to Children Worship & Wonder (rm 8). Grades 2-5 go to class in room 4. Grades 6-8 are in worship.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 of Faith *My Hope Is in the Lord (v 1, 3, 4)* 540

Offertory Statement

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

* Congregational Response 817

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

Offertory Prayer

* *You are invited to stand if you are able*

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Receiving From God

Scripture Lesson: *Colossians 1:15-28*

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

You yourselves are a case study of what he does. At one time you all had your backs turned to God, thinking rebellious thoughts of him, giving him trouble every chance you got. But now, by giving himself completely at the Cross, actually dying for you, Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence. You don't walk away from a gift like that! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message—just this one. Every creature under heaven gets this same Message. I, Paul, am a messenger of this Message.

I want you to know how glad I am that it's me sitting here in this jail and not you. There's a lot of suffering to be entered into in this world—the kind of suffering Christ takes on. I welcome the chance to take my share in the church's part of that suffering. When I became a servant in this church, I experienced this suffering as a sheer gift, God's way of helping me serve you, laying out the whole truth.

This mystery has been kept in the dark for a long time, but now it's out in the open. God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glori-

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ous secret inside and out, regardless of their background, regardless of their religious standing. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory. It's that simple. That is the substance of our Message. We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.

The Message

Sermon

Rev. Susan Lisack

Departing to Serve

* Hymn of Response *He Keeps Me Singing* (v 1, 4, 5)

746

* Benediction

* Postlude

* *You are invited to stand if you are able*

*Food and fellowship
in Trimmer Hall
after worship*

Sermon Notes

What does this passage tell us about who Jesus is?

How should we as Christians want to act if Christ is in us?



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Daily Readings

Today, July 18

Psalter: Psalm 127

Old Testament: Amos 9:13-15

New Testament: Hebrews 12:1

Monday, July 19

Psalter: Psalm 128

Old Testament: Proverbs 20:24-25

New Testament: Matthew 18:18-20

Tuesday, July 20

Psalter: Psalm 129

Old Testament: Esther 3:13; 4:7, 8:6

New Testament: Matthew 25:35-37

Wednesday, July 21

Psalter: Psalm 130

Old Testament: Jonah 3:5-10

New Testament: Corinthians 7:8-10

Thursday, July 22

Psalter: Psalm 131:1

Old Testament: I Samuel 16:14-23

New Testament: Acts 16-23

Friday, July 23

Psalter: Psalm 131:2

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1

New Testament: Mark 6:30-31

Saturday, July 24

Psalter: Psalm 131:3

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-9

New Testament: Revelation 4:6-11

Upcoming Calendar Items

Chloe Long Birthday celebration @ 10:45am today

Meditation Group Mondays @ 7:00pm

Congregational Council Tuesday, July 20 @ 6:30pm

Ladies Bible Study Wednesdays @ 8:30am

Care Council Wednesday, July 21 @ 2:00pm

Farmer's Market Surplus Distribution Wednesdays @ 6:15pm

Endowment Bd Sunday July 25 @ 11am

Deacons Bd Monday July 26 @ 7:30pm

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Announcements

2nd Annual Talent Night Thursday, August 5th: sign up today! All varieties from serious to comedy, musical, drama, spoken, dance. Displays too. Sign up today at Servant Central or in Trimmer Hall.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Sign up to be a host or a guest. The host provides the entrée and asks each guest to bring a specific type of dish to complete the meal. Sign up at Servant Central each month that you want to be a guest at a dinner. The next dinner is Sunday July 25.