

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am

August 27, 2017

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn **For the Music of Creation** (please see insert) NETTLETON

*Expressing Our Joy Reece H. Smith

Leader: God says, "Listen to me in silence. Let the people renew their strength."

People: As we draw near to God, we draw near to each other, helping our neighbors and saying to each other, "Take courage!"

Leader: We are God's servants, God's friends gathered from the ends of the earth, called from its farthest corners, to whom God says,

People: "I have chosen you; fear not, I am with you."

Leader: In thankfulness for God's presence and our strength renewed,

People: We rejoice!

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may leave the sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

*Song **They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love** (please see insert) Peter Scholtes

Psalm 100 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 522 in the pew Bible.]

Duet **You Are Mine** David Haas
Pat Benzien, *soprano* and Ron Connelly, *baritone*

I John 4:7-12 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 226 in the pew Bible.]

Message **Love One Another** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 579)

Ministry of Prayer

The Bringing of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that we may get to know one another.)

*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with the *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 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 376 **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*All those that are able, please stand.