

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. September 3, 2017

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 507 ***I Come with Joy*** DOVE OF PEACE
*Expressing Our Joy Reece H. Smith

Leader: The Living God has brought us this far on our journey.

People: God has given bread to the hungry and rest to the weary.

Leader: God has shown us the future generations – the children in our midst.

People: And faithful to the divine promise, God has clothed us with salvation and joy.

Leader: What more can we ask of God?

People: To bless us and our children forever and to give us the courage to pray with trust and serve with joy.

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

Congregational and Choir Response ***Spirit of the Living God*** (No. 322)

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

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Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Moment with the Children

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

*Hymn 513 ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** LET US BREAK BREAD

Proverbs 30-33 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 564 in the pew Bible.]

Solo ***The Prayer of St. Francis*** Peter Mathews
Pat Benzien, soprano

Matthew 21:1-5 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 21 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation ***Humility*** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and ***Gloria Patri***

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 members may know visitors and greet them following the worship service.)

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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, ***Sanctus, The Lord's Prayer*** (Join in singing Hymn 571)

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.

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*. Please hold the bread and the cup until all are served. The wafers in the baskets are gluten-free.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 391 ***Take My Life*** HENDON

*Benediction and Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.