

*But be  
doers  
of the*

**WORD,**

*and not  
merely  
hearers.*

**JAMES 1:22**

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Lord God: open our eyes to see wonderful things in your law, and open our hearts to receive the gift of your saving love; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*March in C*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Haydn

## INTROIT

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*  
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,*  
*and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

LEMMEL

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. John White*

One: For what reason have we gathered in this place?

**ALL:** *We have gathered as children of God's promise, to keep alive our vision of hope.*

One: What do we wish to happen during this time of worship?

**ALL:** *We want to offer praise and thanksgiving to our Creator, to be challenged as Christian disciples, and to be renewed, so that we may boldly face the struggles of our faith.*

One: What are we willing to do, in order that we might be transformed and renewed by God's Spirit and power?

**ALL:** *We will open our minds and hearts to God's Word! We will focus our energy on praise and thanksgiving! We will respond to the challenge which we are here offered! Ours is an active and enthusiastic faith! Let us worship with energy and enthusiasm!*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: 331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Creator God, hear us as we confess that we often fail to give our lives over to the transforming power of your Spirit.

**ALL:** *We know that we are called to go into the darkest corners of creation with your Word, but our mouths often remain silent.*

One: We know that we are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, but we hesitate, wondering if they will love us in return.

**ALL:** *We know that we are made in your image, but so frequently we ignore your image in others who are different from us.*  
**One:** Forgive our hesitation and uncertainties.  
**ALL:** *Forgive our fears and failures.*  
**One:** Forgive our selfishness and greed.  
**ALL:** *Remake us and renew us, we pray, that we might be transformed, and live as your new creations. Fill us with the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that our lives might be reflections of your Kingdom. Through Christ we pray, Amen.*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 437**

WAYFARING STRANGER

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**One:** Friends, allow the Good News of the Gospel to embrace you! *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him”.*  
**ALL:** *Through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581**

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. Amen, amen.*

**ACT OF PRAISE**

*There Was Jesus*  
Lindsey Patterson and Jennifer Shackelford

Zach Williams

**THE WORD**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN: 761** *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*

BEECHER

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 6:1-3  
(Page 163)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*James 1:17-27  
(Page 229)*

*Rev. John White*

*\*Congregation standing, if able*

SERMON

*“The Power of the Word”*

*Rev. John White*

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

**ALL:** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**OFFERTORY**

*Nocturne on “Fairest Lord Jesus”*

Johnson

Dr. Terry McRoberts

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**SENDING**

**\*CHARGE**

*Rev. John White*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**POSTLUDE**

*Menuet gothique*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Boellmann