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August 11, 2024

9:45 AM

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer of Fun & Games

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bread of Angels

by Stephan

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

C: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

L: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

C: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

L: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you, O God. My soul waits for You.

C: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

L: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning:

C: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

L: Hungry for what only God can provide, we stand as comfortable to give thanks to God for God's graciousness.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2236 FWS** (see below)

Gather Us In

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Marty Haugen

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2. We are the young-our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old - who
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

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van-ished a - way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face, we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light-years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing

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brought here to you in the light of this day _____ Gath-er us in - the
called to be light to the whole hu-man race. _____ Gath-er us in - the
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____ Give us to drink the
now is the King - dom now is the day. _____ Gath-er us in and

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lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in - the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in - the proud and the strong; give us a heart so
wine of com-pas-ion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nour-ish us well and
hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in - all

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we shall a-waken, we shall a-rise at the sound of our name. _____
meek and so low-ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Everlasting God,

C: First of all, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 347 NCH (vs. 1 & 2)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ALL SING: Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:4-8 (CEB)

John 6:35, 41-51 (CEB)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 340 UM HYMNAL (black hymnal, see next page)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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Joseph Hart, 1759

Carl P. Daw, 1989; Jack Schrader

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Piano



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come and wel - come, God's free
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of

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wound-ed, sick and sore; Je-sus read-y stands to save you, full of
boun - ty glo - ri - fy; true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery
rui - ned by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will
fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to

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Refrain



pit - y, love, and powers. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus! he will em -
grace that brings you nigh. nev - er come at all.
feel your need of him.

12



- brace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there

16



are ten thou - sand charms.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Prayer

by Sager & Foster

John R. Zimmerman, Euphonium USMC, Retired
George W. DeMERS, Tuba
Travis Pinci, Piano

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Break Thou the Bread of Life

by Lathbury

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 347 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 3)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**ALL SING: Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives
again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus
lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 664 UM HYMNAL** (black hymnal, see below)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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Katherine K. Davis

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♩ = 80
Piano

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the
2. With praise and thanks-giving to God ever-living, the

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people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O
tasks of our every-day life we will face. Our faith ever-sharing, in

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now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The
love ever-caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With

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seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in
your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us, unite us as

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action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall u-
one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanks -

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nite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
giving give hon-or to Christ and that name which we bear.

***BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

The Rejoicing

by Handel

References

¹The Call to Worship is from Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God, written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater. Posted on the United Church of Christ website. <http://uccfiles.com/> and accessed for use 7/29/24.

²The time of Confession is from the from the Ministry Matters website, and accessed through Re:Worship Blogspot, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/act-of-confession-proper-20a.html> and accessed for use 7/29/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

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Welcome Team Members—Jen & Mark Miller, Barb Stebbins, Paula Strayer

Guest Preacher—Andrea Adams

Liturgist—Brenda Beyer

Tech Team—John Schriver

Special Music:

John R. Zimmerman, Euphonium USMC, Retired

George W. DeMERS, Tuba

Travis Pinci, Piano