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9:45 AM

14th 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

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Put aside the distractions of this world's many gods, stand in awe before God's love, prepare to worship in sincerity and faithfulness.

C: The Lord Jesus and his God, we will serve, and his voice we will trust and obey. that generations to come may know their God.

L: Rise this new morn and celebrate the good news this day so that others may set their hope in the living God.

C: We will not hide our thanks and praise, but tell of the glorious deeds of the Lord and all the wonders God has done for us.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2004 FWS** (next page)

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

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Troeger

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Praise the source of faith and learn - ing that has sparked and stoked the
 2. God of wis - dom, we ac - know ledge that our sci - ence and our
 3. May our faith re - deem the blun - der of be - liev - ing that our
 4. As two cur - rents in a riv - er fight each oth - er's un - der -

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mind with a pas - sion for dis - cern - ing how the world has
 art and the breadth of hu - ma knowl - edge on - ly par - tial
 thought has dis - placed the grounds for won - der which the an - cient
 - tow till con - verg - ing they de - liv - er one co - her - ent

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been de - signed. Let the sense of won - der flow - ing from the
 truth im - part. Far be - yond our cal - cu - la - tion lies a
 proph - ets taught. May our learn - ing curb the er - ror which un -
 stead - y flow, blend, O God, our faith and learn - ing till they

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won - ders we sur - vey keep our faith for - ev - er grow - ing
 - depth we can - not sound where your pur - pose for - cre - a - tion
 - think - ing faith can breed lest we jus - ti - fy some ter - ror
 carve a sin - gle course, till they join as one, re - turn - ing

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and re - new our need to pray:
 and the an - pulse of life are found.
 with an an - ti - quat - ed cred.
 praise and thanks to you, their Source.

*TIME OF CONFESSION²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God, our sun and shield:

C: we may long to be in your house, but our deeds show how tough it is for us to live there. Called to follow, we search for paths to take us back to our old ways; given the words of eternal life, we weakly proclaim the gospel to others; offered the path of salvation to walk upon, we stumble down the rocky roads of our world.

Forgive us, Guardian of our lives. Strengthen us with your Spirit, so we may follow Jesus Christ, the One we have come to believe and know is our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Today, receive the Bread of Life; today, hear the words of eternal hope; today, trust in the One who hears your prayers, and showers grace and forgiveness upon you.

C: Today, we are set free to serve God's people, and to sing God's praises. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC sung by Debbie Butcher

"The Holy City" by Adams

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (CEB)

John 6:56-69 (CEB)

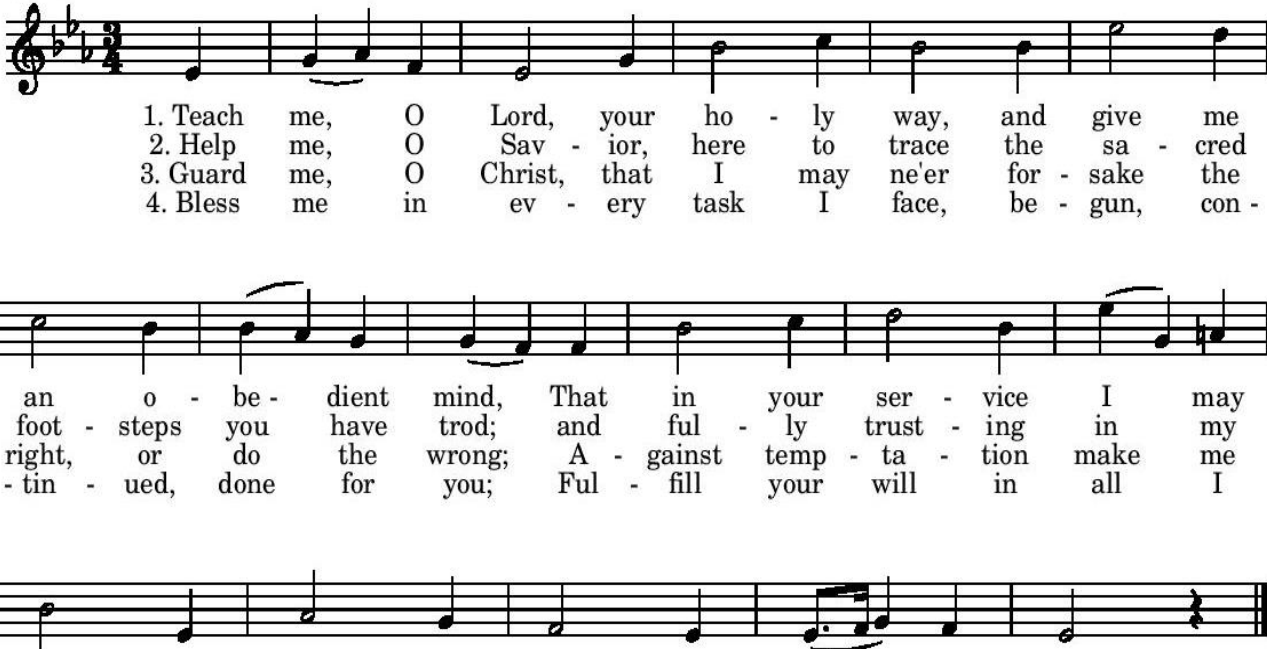
MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 465 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

Teach Me O Lord Your Holy Way

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way, and give me
2. Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace the sa - cred
3. Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er for - sake the
4. Bless me in ev - ery task I face, be - gun, con -

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an o - be - dient mind, That in your ser - vice I may
foot - steps you have trod; and ful - ly trust - ing in my
right, or do the wrong; A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me
- tin - ued, done for you; Ful - fill your will in all I

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find my heart's de - light from day to day.
God, to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
strong, and keep me in your shel - tering care.
do, and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

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.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*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

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

2027

Now Praise the Hidden God of Love

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The guitar chords are indicated above the vocal lines.

System 1: Chords: D, G, Am, Cmaj7, Dsus, D, C2/E, Dsus, D. Lyrics: 1. Now praise the hid - den God of love, in whom we / 2. Who chal-lenged us, when we were young, to storm the / 3. Who bids us nev - er lose our zest, though age is

System 2: Chords: C, Em7/B, Am, Am7/B, D, D9/C, G/B, Am/C, Bm/D. Lyrics: all must live and move, who shep - herds us at ev - ry / cit - a - dels of wrong; in care for oth - ers taught us / urg - ing us to rest, but proves to us that we have

System 3: Chords: Em, G/B, Cmaj7, G/D, D7, G. Lyrics: stage, through youth, ma - tur - i - ty, and age: / how God's true com - mun - i - ty must grow: / still a work to do, a place to fill.

Congregation: Unison

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (Acts 17:23-28)
 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. by John Weaver
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***BENEDICTION
 POSTLUDE**

References

¹ The Call to Worship is written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on [Bruce Prewer's Homepage](#). And accessed on 8/19/24 for use.

¹ The Time of Confession is written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/> and accessed 8/19/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

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Welcome Team Members—Connie & John Wolfe, Vanessa Bicher, Faye Heal

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Tech Team—Elaine Bevivino, Paul Ramsey, Jack Herlocker