



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*August 28, 2022*



**\*Unison Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

**Almighty God, in Your goodness, You provide for the needy. Remove from Your people the pride of place and the pursuit of power that mocks humility. Open our hearts in generosity and justice to the neglected and lonely, that in showing esteem for others, we may honor and please You, through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Amen. [Silence is kept]**

**\*Words of Assurance**

This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or anything do to us?

We are new people, graced by our loving God.

**Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*(Creatorex)*

**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.**

**Scripture Lesson—Psalm 81 [New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition]**

Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
Raise a song; sound the tambourine,  
the sweet lyre with the harp.  
Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
at the full moon, on our festal day.  
For it is a statute for Israel,  
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.  
He made it a decree in Joseph,  
when he went out over the land of Egypt.

I hear a voice I had not known:  
“I relieved your shoulder of the burden;  
your hands were freed from the basket.  
In distress you called, and I rescued you;  
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;  
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah  
Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!  
There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.  
I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

“But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.  
So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.  
O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!  
Then I would quickly subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.  
Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,  
and their doom would last forever.  
I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

## **Gathering Together in Prayer**

### **Prayer Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer**

#### **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Offertory Invitation**

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:15-16)

## **Offertory**                    *“The Lord Bless You And Keep You” (John Rutter)*

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. Amen.

## **Scripture Lesson-Luke 14:1, 7-14 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

## **Sermon**            **“Listen to Your Life – The Wisdom of Frederick Buechner”** Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

**Hymn #561**

*“Christ For The World We Sing” (Italian Hymn)  
(see last page)*

**\*Benediction**

Be light-footed as you leave this house of prayer. For you don't go as fearful servants of a stern Master, but as beloved brothers and sisters whom the Christ has humbly served.

**Amen! We are no longer called servants, but friends.**

The blessing of courage, compassion and common sense, take you through this week without looking over your shoulder. In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

**Postlude**

*“Improvisation on Hymn to Joy”*

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

Preaching Today: Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Rose Wendling

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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# Christ for the World! We Sing 561

1 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
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with lov - ing zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint and  
 with fer - vent prayer— the way - ward and the - lost, by rest - less  
 with one ac - cord— with us the work to share, with us re -  
 with joy - ful song— the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, for Christ to heal.  
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

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