
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020 | 10:15 AM



The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

Robert A. Hobby

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Lani Smith

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 149

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy.

◆ HYMN 630

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.

Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings,
with your most gracious favor.
And further us with your continual help;
that in all our works begun,
continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your name,
and finally, by your mercy, receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING

Selina Orman and Annie Banda

Kanzanga kumwamba Kasekera kuona Yesu

Malawi

(Face to face with Jesus)

Translation:

In this world, we have categories of people.
Some have accepted the Lord and some have not.
We all need to focus on heavenly kingdom,
Where all believers are destined to be.

Chorus:

My friend in heaven is forever happy with Jesus face to face.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 29:15–28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wallace W. Bubar

In the Beginnings: Love and Marriage

♦ HYMN 693

GIFT OF LOVE

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF LOU PETERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

SENDING

◆ HYMN 366

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

◆ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia

George F. Handel
arr. Mark L. Williams

About Today's Service

Assisting in worship today:

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms

Musical Offering: Selina Orman and Annie Banda

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dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,
caring for one another,
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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