
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2020 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING **FAITH,**
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Morning Mood

Prelude on Need

Edvard Grieg

Peter Pindar Stearns

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 17

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me,
you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.**

My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

**As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

◆ HYMN 12

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God beyond all seeing and knowing,
we meet you in the night of change and crisis,
and wrestle with you in the darkness of doubt.
Give us the will and the spirit to live faithfully
and to love as we are loved,
with a love that will not let us go;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING

Holy, Holy, Holy

Laura Erickson, harpist
John B. Dykes
arr. Robert D. Vandall

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 32:22–31

SERMON

Wallace W. Bubar

In the Beginnings: Wrestling with God

◆ HYMN 735

NEED

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. *Refrain*

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. *Refrain*

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. *Refrain*

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

Ben Patzlaff

LIVING OUR FAITH

Annika Lister Stroope
Susan Stroope

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

SENDING

◆ HYMN 451

OPEN MY EYES

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

◆ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary – Allegro

George Berg

About Today's Service

Assisting in worship today:

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms

Musical Offering: Laura Erickson, harpist

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We strive to be a Christian congregation
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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