



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 25, 2024 10:30 a.m.

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Pasticcio" Jean Langlais  
(\* *Indicates that all are invited to stand*)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

**All: The refreshing springs of God's love renew and restore us.**

One: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

**All: The least and the lost are always welcome in God's house.**

One: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all!

**All: Praise to God whose sacred love surrounds this sacred home!**

\*GATHERING HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory” #436 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-4  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior’s ways,  
From the fears that long have bound us—free our hearts for faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days**

**Cure your children’s warring madness; bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,  
make our broken spirits whole.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty,  
in the quest for liberty.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

Gentle God, for all that is not well in us we seek your peace;  
**for all that is in disharmony with your grace we seek your transformation;**  
from all that is a burden in us we seek relief;  
**for all that is broken between us and you, and others, we seek your forgiveness, your  
healing grace, and a new way of living. (silent confession)**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved of God, receive the good news gladly:  
through God’s unending grace we are set free to live by the Spirit of God, in faith and love.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “God of Grace and God of Glory” v.5

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

DUET: “Pie Jesu” (“Merciful Jesus”) from Andrew Lloyd Weber’s “Requiem”  
*Annalise and Sarah McCann, sopranos*

## LISTENING

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 Pew Bible pp.272-273  
A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

### SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "We Would Be Building" #607 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**We would be building; temples still undone  
o'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift,  
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone, and hearts creative bridge the human rift.  
We would be building, Architect Divine, reveal the shape of life in your design.**

**Teach us to build; upon the solid rock, we set the dream that hardens into deed,  
Ribbed with fine steel, both time and change to mock,  
unfailing purpose of our noblest creed.  
Teach us to build; O Maker, lend us sight to see the towers gleaming in the light.**

**O keep us building, Savior; may our hands ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,  
When to our ears there come divine commands and all the pride of sinful will departs.  
We build with you; O grant enduring worth  
until your promised realm shall come on earth.**

## RESPONDING

*We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

### NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "Andante" from "Partita on Hyfrydol" Charles Callahan  
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #400

*New Century Hymnal*

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**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of our God and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.**

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**To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, today!  
With your constant, loving kindness hear your people as they pray.  
Give your fullest benediction: grace to follow Christ the Way.**

**Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain  
Peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain,  
Tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.**

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary in D Minor"

John Stanley

### **SENDING**

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

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Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com)
- (2) Adapted from [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

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