

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

July 14, 2024

Anthem

Great Is The Lord

arr. Ed Lojeski

Entering God's Presence

Romans 8:35, 37-39 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 148 in the pew Bible.]

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

Sermon

"Practical Optimism"

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*Affirmation of Faith and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: We choose the living God.

Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.

People: We will walk the way of Christ.

Leader: Faith is not about holding on.

People: Faith is about letting go.

Leader: We offer more than words, O God.

People: We offer you our lives.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. (Phil. 2:5-11)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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Prayer of Trust and Confidence

*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 606)

OLD HUNDRETH

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

God of all forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear your promise amid our own self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

*Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Benediction

*Hymn 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

*Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

Psalm 111 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 531-532 in the pew Bible.]

*Those that are able, please stand.