



## August 6, 2023 – 10th Sunday After Pentecost

*"Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the 'Beloved.' Being the Beloved expresses the core truth of our existence."* Henri Nouwen.

### TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

*Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.*

**PRELUDE** "Prelude & Fugue in B-flat Major" J.S. Bach  
Organist, Larry Gillum

### \*CHORAL INTROIT

**WELCOME** The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Patti Dolezal

Liturgist: God we come in worship to praise your name  
**People: Every day, we thank you for the good you have done!**  
Liturgist: Great are you God and worthy of praise  
**People: Every day, we praise your name for your compassion**  
Liturgist: All your works praise you Lord,  
**People: They tell of the glory of the Kingdom**  
Liturgist: Today, we praise you Lord our Father  
**People: Today we honor you Jesus the Son.**  
Today we praise you God, three in one.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 138** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Grace, we come to confession today aware of all the ways that others have hurt us and alienated us, and yet we forget that we are often responsible for actions that have led to a sense of isolation for others. Forgive us and remind us that we live in community and that we must be people who forgive, people who seek to help others, and people who who reach out of our out pain to help those in need. We now pray silently for the sins that weigh heavily on our hearts.

Silent Prayer of Confession

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** Isaiah 44:1-9, NRSV

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

John 5:19-24, *NRSV*

**MESSAGE**                   *"Beloved"*

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 306**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"      CRUSADERS' HYMN

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**    "Let Us Break Bread Together "

J.S. Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY**    (Hymnal # 592)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service.  
May our offerings feed the hungry, clothe the poor, quench the thirsty, and shelter the  
vulnerable. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Chancel Choir Anthem: In Remembrance of Me.....Larson

Director, Rich Dixon

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The congregation responds, "hear our prayer"  
following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."*

**LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

*(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day  
responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)*

**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 547 IN GLORY TO GOD (INSERT):**    "Go My Children"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**    "How Firm a Foundation"

Tune: *Foundation* (361)

## ***The Week Ahead . . .***

**Monday, August 7**

4:00 pm—Sign Choir

**Tuesday, August 8**

10:00 am—Building and Grounds

12:30 pm—Personnel Committee

4:30 pm—Stephen Ministry

7:00 pm—Deacons

**Thursday, August 10**

10:00 am—Staff Meeting

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

**Sunday, August 13**

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

*See the full church calendar on [www.pccrusa.org](http://www.pccrusa.org)*

## ***Announcements***

**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Grace and Grub Group.



If you have prayer requests you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Christine at [pastor@pccrusa.org](mailto:pastor@pccrusa.org), or call 970-586-4404 (church).



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