

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 4, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Remember your
Creator in the days
of your youth, before
the days of trouble
come ...

Ecclesiastes 12:1



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The book of Ecclesiastes makes us wrestle with what is really important in life. King Solomon came to the conclusion that many things are simply “vanity” or “meaningless.” But not everything – a meaningful life depends on our relationship with the one who gives us life. Our Creator gives our life purpose and meaning, no matter what else may happen to us

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] Amen.

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

[P] Most merciful God,
[C] We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE *As you Introduce yourself and greet those around you, please be mindful of others who do not wish to shake hands. Other options while saying the following greeting are placing your hand on your heart, a head nod or bowing, with these or similar words: Peace be with you./ And also with you.*

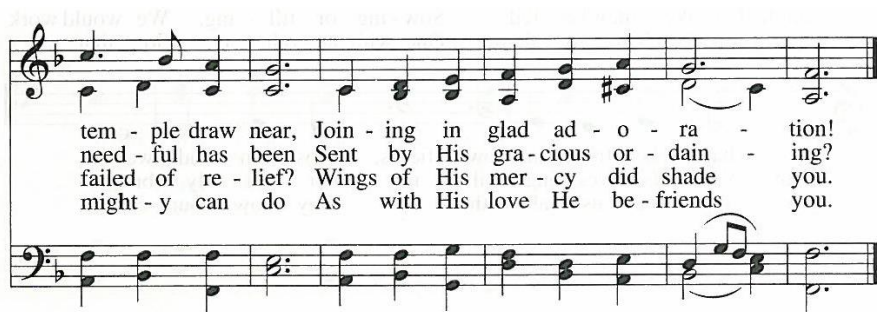
SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
 Gladly forever adore Him!

P The grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** And also with you.

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

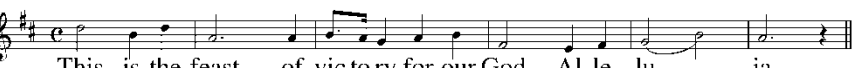


C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - - - - - men.



P This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and
 rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and
 bless-ing and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
 hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and
 glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for -
 ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry
 for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun
 his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ecclesiastes 12:1-7, 13-14

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

intro: one chord

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

MESSAGE "Remember Your Creator"

Stand

HYMN "Jesus Call Us; O'er the Tumult"



- 1) Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our
- 2) As of old St. An-drew heard it By the
- 3) Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
- 4) In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of
- 5) Je - sus calls us! In Your mer - cy, Sav-ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, Day by
 Gal - - i - le - an lake, Turned from
 vain world's gold - en store, From each
 toil and hours of ease, Still he
 make us hear Your call, Give our



day his clear voice sound - ing, Say - ing,
 home and toil and kin - dred, Leav - ing
 i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing,
 calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Chris-tian,
 hearts to Your o - be - dience, Serve and



"Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 all for his dear sake.
 "Chris - tian, love me more."
 love me more than these."
 love You best of all.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

You may contribute online by texting the amount to 517-879-0989 and following the prompts. Gifts may also be placed in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.


OFFERTORY MUSIC

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

introduction

C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the
 brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the



bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer.
Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Merciful Father,

C we offer joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



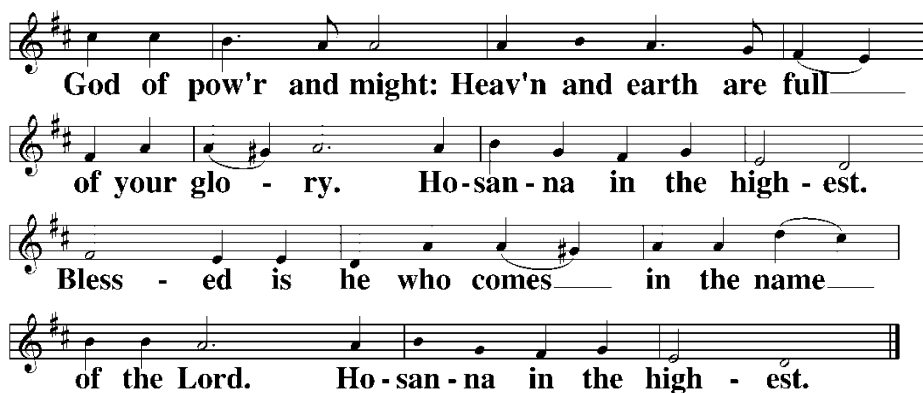
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

intro: one chord



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

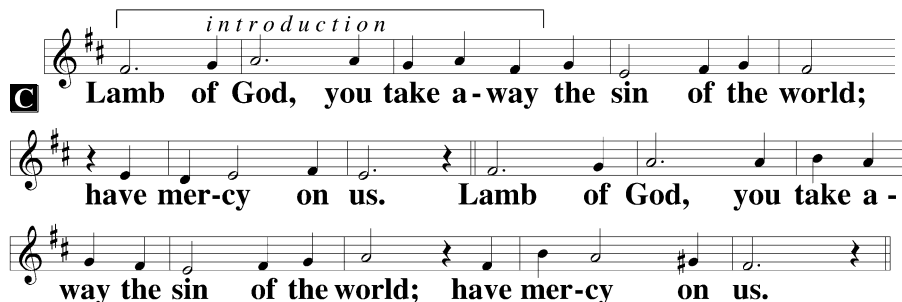
P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD




Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive the communion elements in individually pre-packaged chalices, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free and grape juice options are available in individual pre-packaged chalices.

HYMN “Let us Break Bread Together”

 means to lengthen notes

- 1) Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; _____
2) Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; _____

Let us break bread to-gether on our knees. _____
Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees. _____

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing


sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

(louder)

- 3) Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; _____


Let us praise God to-gether on our knees. _____

Refrain (softer)



When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

(fading in volume)




sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Stand

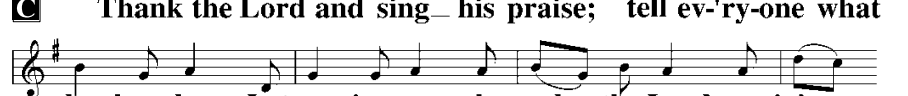
[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **[C] Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

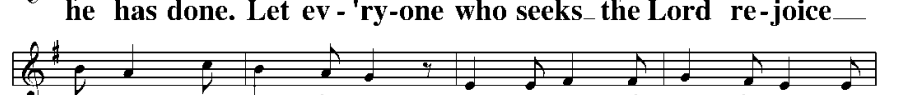
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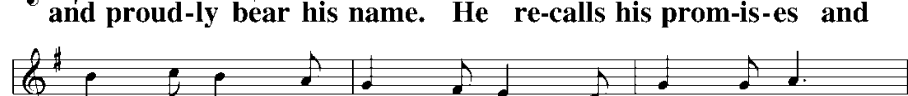
[C] Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



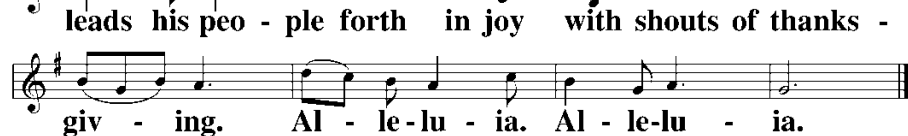
he has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice



and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and



leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia.

[P] We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] Amen.

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **[C] Amen.**

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal”

harmonized for part-singing

1) Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has
 2) Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall

come; Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Your tents
 cease, And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet

will be our home. Through days of prep - a -
 a - men of peace; For not with swords loud

ra - tion Your grace has made us strong; _____
 clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums, _____

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We
 But deeds of love and mer - cy The

continued on next pg



*Sing
stanza three
below
in unison.*

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|---|---|
| <p>3) Lead on, O King e-ter-nal:
 We fol-low, not with fears,
 For glad-ness breaks like morn-ing
 Wher-e'er Your face ap-pears</p> | <p>Your cross is lift-ed o'er_us;
 We jour-ney in its light;_
 The crown a-waits the con-quest;
 Lead on, O God of might!</p> |
|---|---|

"He is the living God, the eternal king." (Jer. 10:10)

The poetry of the above hymn was written for the graduation ceremony at Andover Theological Seminary (in Massachusetts), where Shurtleff was a member of the class of 1888. The tune was produced for a music festival at Blackburn, England, on Oct. 4, 1835, to observe the 300th anniversary of the reformation in England.

The composer, Henry Smart, was an English organist, composer and music editor of three hymnals. He composed many hymn tunes.

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
