**August 11, 2024**

**12th Sunday After Pentecost**

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**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Prelude**  *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome** *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship (***taken from John 6, Psalm 130)*

L: O Bread of heaven, come down.

**P: Come down and fill us with your Spirit**

L: for your Spirit satisfies like no other.

**P: We hunger and thirst for you this morning**

L: and long to be nurtured

**P: in your love and forgiveness.**

L: So we come to this sacred time and place,

**P: where our hungers are finally and fully satisfied**

L: as only your bread can do.

**P: We will wait and listen for your leading in this hour. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**  “All Who Hunger”

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**Opening Prayer (In Unison)** *(inspired by John 6:35)*

**God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.**

**We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy;**

**we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope;**

**we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.**

**Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way,**

**that we may we be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

*Please Be Seated*

**Youth Message**

**Contemporary Reading “Consumed In Grace”**

**By St. Catherine of Siena in “The Book of Poems From God”**

**Translated by Daniel Ladinsy**

I first saw God when I was a child, six years of age.

The cheeks of the sun were pale before Him, and the earth acted as a shy girl, like me.

Divine light entered my heart from His love that did never fully wane,

though indeed, dear, I can understand how a person’s faith can at times flicker.

for what is the mind to do with something that becomes the mind’s ruin:

a God that consumes us in His grace,

I have seen what you want; it is there, a Beloved of infinite tenderness.

**Joys & Concerns ………… Pastoral *Prayer***

***Singing of THE LORD'S PRAYER–***

*Our Father, which 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.*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory**  *“The Giving Song”” Please join in singing!*

*Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Offertory Prayer**

Dismissal of the Youth

**Hymn** “Bread Of The World” # 624

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,

by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;

and be thy feast to us the token, that by thy grace our souls are fed.

*Please be seated*

**Scripture Lesson John 6:35, 41-51** [NRSV – New Revised Standard Version]

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**Sermon** *“For The Life Of The World”*

*Please stand*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker 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, dead, and buried;

the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.

**Closing Hymn** “*You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”* Verses 1,2,4 # 629

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us O saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat.

As When the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and head his voice,

so when you call your family Lord, we follow and rejoice. (Refrain)

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,

that you should count us worthy Lord, to share this heavenly food. (Refrain)

The mystery of your presence Lord, no mortal tongue can tell.

Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (Refrain)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** “You Satisfy The Hungry Heart” Verse 5 # 629

You give yourself to us O Lord, then selfless let us be,

to serve each other in Your name in truth and charity.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us O saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat.

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**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call Sue Creevey 267-847-6029.***

We have front row seats and witness God’s power, grace and love in action as we pray for others. The character and power of God is revealed as we pray, and we learn to recognize the mystery of God’s will. As our faith grows, we understand that the Lord will continue to work miracles in the lives of others.

**Prayer Requests from August 4th**

David Wilson will have back surgery on August 28th. Prayers for a successful surgery.

Diana Wilson asking for healing for a wound on her leg.

Prayers for john Wilson to have relief from back pain.

JOY - Happy Birthday to Diana Wilson

For the family of Bert Patterson as they grieve her death.

Prayers for the Nigerian UM Annual Conference as Bishop Yohanna leaves the UM church and the College

of Bishops selects an interim Bishop. Prayers for all UM Conferences.

Prayers for a safe "National Night Out" on Tuesday August 6th

Prayers as we remember the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Prayers for world peace

Prayers for our congregation and those not in attendance today.

JOY - The Brown's Goddaughter is living in the Netherlands and just became engaged.

JOY - Cocoa is Covid free!!

Traveling mercies for Danita as she goes to Arizona to be with her grandson, Saul, as he has surgery. Prayers for a successful surgery.

Prayers for Helen Grevis as she has medical tests.

Prayers for Stella Jefferies as she grieves the death of her husband.

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Cass Quigley Marva

Betty Brzoza Victoria Somers Meghann Riley Sheryl Duke

**For families, especially:**

Betty Sauerwald & family The Stefanescu & Mc Manus Families

Zilpha and James Browne Jean Bernard and family The Spotts Family

**For an end to violence, for peace** **and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**

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**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

God’s word leads us to salvation. It is written in His word that we are saved when we put our hope in Him. Even if you are already a believer, rereading the words reminds us that He gave His only son for us to live in Him.

**13th Sunday after Pentecost - August 18, 2024**

John 6:51-58 - 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 - Psalm 111 - Ephesians 5:15-20

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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“When God’s People Pray” study group

**Session 3 – Obedience in Prayer**

**Monday August 12th in church 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**August 13, 2024 5:00 PM National Night out at Fox Chase Playground**

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**Women’s Fellowship**

Meeting Thursday, August 29th at noon.

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**Fall Flea Market**

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**