

# SPQR

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

*During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship*

### Prelude

Fantasy in C Major BWV 570  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31:23-24

Love the Lord, all his faithful people!

The Lord preserves those who are true to him,  
but the proud he pays back in full.

Be strong and take heart,  
all you who hope in the Lord."

### Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

### \*Call to Worship

Peter Chen

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God. (Psalm 86:8-10)**

### \*Hymn of Praise #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Words: Washington Gladden; Music: Henry Percy Smith

### Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

**People: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.**

Leader: Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

**People: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.**

Leader: Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

**People: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.**

Leader: Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

**People: We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.**

Leader: Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**People: In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ.

**People: He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)**

## God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.

**People: Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (James 4:7-10)**

**\*Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

Words: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

### Old Testament Reading

Psalm 76 (p. 589)

Peter Chen

### Meditation

*Adagio* from Sonata op. 65 Nr. 2 in F minor  
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### New Testament Reading

Matthew 8:5-13 (p. 972)

### Sermon

"Unlikely Faith: The Roman Centurion"

Rev. Mark van Stee

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Words: Ray Palmer; Music: Lowell Mason

### Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Maio Chen, Elder for Personnel,  
Property & Planning

## Offertory

Intermezzo. *Andante con moto*  
from Sonata "Pastoral-Sonate" Nr. 3 in G Major op. 88  
Josef Rheinberger (1839 - 1901)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

## \*Doxology

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

## Prayers of the People

Maio Chen

**The Lord's Prayer** (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

**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. Amen.**

## GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

### Welcoming of Guests

Maio Chen

### Announcements

**\*Hymn of Dedication** (Insert) "Eternal Spirit, God of Truth"

Words: Thomas Cotterill

Music: Traditional English melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

### \*Sending and Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Mark van Stee

### Postlude

Fugue in C Major BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

*Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. For those who need to leave, please do so quietly.*

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***\*Please stand if you are able.***

The letters SPQR appearing on the bulletin cover represent an initialism for the Latin motto or slogan of the Roman Republic. First appearing around 80 B.C., this initialism for *Senātus Populusque Rōmānus* (*the Roman Senate and People*) appeared on official Roman documents, monuments, and currency.