



Sunday, July 21, 2024
Ninth 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

Little Prelude Nr. 8 in B flat Major BWV 560
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 92:1-3

It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Nathan Wannemacher

*Call to Worship

Lydia Meister

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. (Based on Psalm 108:1-4)

*Hymn of Praise #288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*

Prayer of Confession

Brian Sparks, Treasurer

Leader: Our loving God,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods: money, power, comfort, and convenience.
We have served our own desires
instead of serving you.

We have not loved you and our neighbor as you have commanded.

**People: Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Pardon

Brian Sparks

Leader: God is slow to anger and full of compassion.

People: He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! Praise the Lord!

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

**People: To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)**

***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

Genesis 2:1-3 (p. 4)

Lydia Meister

New Testament Reading

Matthew 11:28-12:14 (p. 977)

Sermon

"Jesus Heals on the Sabbath"

Nathan Wannemacher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Brian Sparks

Offertory

Stück für Flötenuhr Nr. 1 in C Major Wo033
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Testimony

Tim Luo

Prayers of the People

Brian Sparks

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

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Brian Sparks

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Susanne Sondheimer

Nadia Hou

***Hymn of Dedication #302 "I Danced in the Morning"**

Words: Sidney Carter; Music: American Shaker melody

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Nathan Wannemacher

Postlude

Little Fugue Nr. 4 in F Major BWV 556

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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

Today's bulletin cover is The Man with the Withered Hand (L'homme à la main desséchée), 1886–1896 by James Tissot.

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