



Sunday, July 7, 2024  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

# ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

## Prelude

Prelude in G Major BWV 550  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 147:7-11

Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;  
make music to our God on the harp.  
He covers the sky with clouds;  
he supplies the earth with rain  
and makes grass grow on the hills.  
He provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they call.  
His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;  
the Lord delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

## Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

## \*Call to Worship

Aaron Cherukara

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

**People: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100)**

## \*Hymn of Praise (Insert) "This is the Day"

Words: Leslie Garrett, anonymous; Music: Fijian folk melody; arr. Les Garrett

## Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will.

**People: We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others.**

Leader: We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.

**People: We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

## **Assurance of God's Pardon**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**People: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**(Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1)**

## **God's Will for Our Lives**

Leader: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

**People: Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Amen. (Colossians 3:12-15)**

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

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

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **Children's Message**

Nathan Wannemacher

*Children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 31:10-14 (p. 793)

Aaron Cherukara

### **Meditation**

*Adagio molto* from Sonata Nr. 3 in C minor op. 56  
Alexandre Guilmant (1837 – 1911)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **New Testament Reading**

John 6:1-15 (pp. 1069-1070)

### **Sermon**

"Revealing Miracles: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand"

Rev. Mark van Stee

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response #329** "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Words: Mary Artemesia Lathbury; Music: William Fiske Sherwin

**Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Dennis Kuriakose,  
Morning Worship Elder

**Offertory**

*Largo* from Triosonata Nr. 2 in C minor BWV 526  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

**\*Doxology**

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

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

**Prayers of the People**

Dennis Kuriakose

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

## GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

**Welcoming of Guests**

Dennis Kuriakose

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Dedication #281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Words: William Williams, trans. William & Peter Williams; Music: John Hughes

**\*Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

**Postlude**

Fantasy in G Major BWV 572  
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.***

*Today's bulletin cover is a panel of clear and colored glass with painted details from Troyes, France, 12th and 13th centuries, artist unknown.*

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