



Sunday, September 8, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

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

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

*Call to Worship

Ingrid Käser

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

(Psalm 89:1-2, 92:1-2)

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

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

People: Merciful God, we confess that 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. (Psalm 103:8-13)

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: Our Lord Jesus said: " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment.

People: And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

(from Matthew 22:37-40)

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

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 103: 8-13 (p. 606)

Ingrid Käser

Meditation

"Basse de Trompette" from the "Gloria" of the *Messe pour les Convents (Mass for the Monasteries)*

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 13 (p. 1154)

Sermon

"Life by the Spirit: Love"

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #335** "Though I May Speak"

Words: Hal Hopson; Music: English folk melody

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Annelies Guthman, Elder for
Evening Worship

Offertory

"Chromhorne sur la Taille" from the "Gloria" of the *Messe pour les Convents*

Francois Couperin

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

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

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Annelies Guthman

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

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Annelies Guthman

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** (Insert) "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

Words: Kate B. Wilkinson; Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Postlude

Allabreve in D Major BWV 589

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

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

As we explore the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26) in our sermons this fall, our bulletin covers will feature various renderings of fruit. Today's bulletin cover art is American artist Georgia O'Keeffe's *Red Pear with Fig* (1923).