



July 14, 2024
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

July 14, 2024

10:00am Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

A Joyous Psalm

Eugene Butler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,

**for God has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Such is the company of those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O God, we seek your face!

Let us worship God with gladness.

*HYMN 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God of our salvation, you send prophets in our midst
to correct us when we have gone astray,
to warn us away from the crooked path,
and to make clear the consequences of sin.**

**Too often, we want to stray, we enjoy the crooked path,
and we do not care about the consequences.**

So we twist the prophet's words or listen only in part.

**O God, forgive us, and grant us the humility
to hear in a prophet's correction the honey tones of your salvation,
the harmonies of your steadfast love. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Friends, the good news is that despite our part in the pattern, God remains faithful. God loves us and will not forsake us.

Hallelujah! We are forgiven!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" P.M. Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace
has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in
the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end.
Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is
now and ever shall be. Amen.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 24

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

PROCLAMATION

Trifle

Rev. Teresa Franklin

*HYMN 93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a steadfast God,
who constantly surprises us
with unprecedented grace
and unexpected redemption.**

**We believe that God forgives us
when we least deserve it,
and shows us how to love and forgive
those we most despise.**

**God enlivens us to keep watch
for divine love at work in those we demonize,
and for God's power in those we look down upon.**

**We believe that God will deliver us
from all the ways we try to make God conform
to the structures and systems we have built,
for God has called us to a new way of being. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns & Celebrations*

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS EREFREUEN
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" African American Spiritual

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 765 "May the God of Hope Go With Us" ARGENTINA
**May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and
peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every
land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working
for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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