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Our Mission: Shining God's light by... Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.

July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

Stewardship: *We are grateful for all of God's creation and act as caregivers of all God's blessings. ~ Luke 6:38*

PRELUDE

Concerto del Signor Torelli

J. Gottfried Walther (184-

1748)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord!

Sing praise to God's name!

The Lord has done wonderful things for us!

The Lord has heaped blessing upon blessing in our lives!

In all our ways, we will continually thank God forever. **AMEN!**

****HYMN No. 712**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

As those of old their firstfruits brought
Of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good,
The source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring,
The wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us
To labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering
That all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us
To make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love,
All life in Christ made new.
In gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Wise God, you know too well that our selfish pride causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough: enough honor, enough respect, enough recognition, enough to live on. And so, in our poverty of spirit, we cannot help but cling to more than we need. Protect us from the arrogant desire to be better than others. By your grace, help us to be better to them in sharing; better for them in deed; better with them in understanding. We confess the need to be humble in the way of Jesus - a way that lifts up those with whom we have contact and leads us to practice servanthood. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News!

All who are moved by the Spirit of God are children of God. We are heirs of God's splendor with Jesus Christ.

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

****HYMN No. 591 (Refrain)**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

FIRST LESSON

Acts 6:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Joaquin des Prez (c. 1450 - 1521)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:2-8a

SERMON

The Church in Acts: Clever Stewardship

Rev. William Schram

****HYMN No. 319**

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

SMITH

Men of faith, rise up and sing
 Of the great and glorious King.
 You are strong when you feel weak;
 In your brokenness complete.
 Shout to the north and the south;
 Sing to the east and the west.
 Jesus is Savior to all,
 Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth.
 Stand and sing to broken hearts
 Who can know the healing power
 Of our awesome King of love.
 Shout to the north and the south;
 Sing to the east and the west.
 Jesus is Savior to all,
 Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire; we've been through rain;
 We've been refined by the power of his name.
 We've fallen deeper in love with you.
 You've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up church, with broken wings;
 Fill this place with songs again
 Of our God who reigns on high;
 By God's grace again we'll fly.
 Shout to the north and the south;
 Sing to the east and the west.
 Jesus is Savior to all,

Lord of heaven and earth.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

****HYMN No. 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you?

Our praise is but a start —

Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In life and death extending your covenant embrace.

In Christ we are one body;

Each member has a part —

Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people into the holy church

For feeding us with mercy,

For wisdom you impart —

Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Walther

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. J. Gottfried

****Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Noel A. Piercy, Organist

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