

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m. THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 3, 2017

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

PRELUDE Aria Flor Peeters

INTROIT When Two or Three are Gathered Here Anne McNair

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** No. 2 *Tune: ITALIAN HYMN*
Come, Thou Almighty King

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, high above our imaginations, whose judgments are deep: save us from weak excuses. Give us the honesty to face our sins. We acknowledge that we practice subterfuge and will not be candid concerning our failures. Grant that in this place of honest prayer, where no life is hid from your eyes, we may see the harm we do not only ourselves but those who trust and love us. Let there be such sincere and moving penitence among this people that lives may be redirected, that sins may be forgiven, that hands may reach out and take up our cross and follow your Son, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. No. 551
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DECLARATION OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*WORDS OF PEACE

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with you.
(Please greet your neighbor with words of God's peace.)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ever gracious God, go into the depths of our lives and speak words of hope, search us out in wayward places and call us to our true purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1-15 Page 50

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 16:21-28 Page 18

SERMON "Take Up Your Cross" Dr. Williams

*"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Declaration of Faith, 1977

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY I Am the Vine Paul Weber
Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** No. 718 *Tune: BOURBON*
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Communion of the People

Prayer

***HYMN**

No. 826
Lift High the Cross

Tune: CRUCIFER

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

POSTLUDE

Come Thou, Almighty King

William McNair

*Congregation please stand.

