

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Facebook Live Stream Worship
July 26, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) — adapted from the poet Rumi

Leader: There is a force within that gives you life...

People: Seek that.

Leader: In your body there lies a priceless jewel...

People: Seek that.

Leader: If you are in search of the greatest treasure, don't look outside...

People: Look within, and seek that.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:28-39 (NRSV)

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: If God Is For Us...

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR 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.

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May the presence of God the Creator give us strength;
May the presence of God the Redeemer give us peace;
May the presence of God the Sustainer give us comfort.
May the presence of God the sanctifier give us love.
May we go now in peace. May we be led out in joy.**

Amen

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.