

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude POCO ALLEGRETTO FROM L'ORGANISTE César Franck

The Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

The King of glory calls us to worship and we come.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, he is the King of glory.

We give God praise. We seek God's face.

With joy, let us come into God's holy presence.

With celebration, we worship God with all our might.

*The Hymn of Praise *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* 460

*The Call to Confession

The Psalmist asks, "Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?" The answer calls us to confession and repentance, for only the one who has clean hands and a pure heart may come before our holy God.

*The Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess that our hands are not clean and our hearts are not pure. We so easily forget your holiness. We think we can come into your presence with the stain of sin on our hearts – sins like selfishness, unkind thoughts, impure motives, pride, and contempt. Forgive us, Lord. Too often, we have allowed the doubters and the skeptics of this world to criticize and intimidate us. We allow them to keep us from showing the joy we feel in your presence and the praise we know you deserve. Forgive us, Lord. [Silent confession.]

Merciful God, cleanse our hearts. Help us to boldly and honestly live our faith for all to see and for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. In Christ, we are cleansed from all sin. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

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.

The Anthem PANIS ANGELICUS (arranged for banjo and piano) César Franck
Wally Schmidt - banjo

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 6:1-19 page 339 OT

The Psalm Psalms 24 page 608 OT

The Sermon The Ark of the Lord Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* 8

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Récit de Cromorne from Veni Creator Nicolas de Grigny

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

**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.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Lift Up the Gates Eternal* 177

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude Epilogue Norman Gilbert

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Samantha Engel

Ushers: Pete & Ginny Brucker, Fred Herter, and Larry Smith

Greeter: Rousseau Family

Fellowship Hour: Adam Engel

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry
and Wally Schmidt - banjo

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**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for
refreshments and fellowship.**

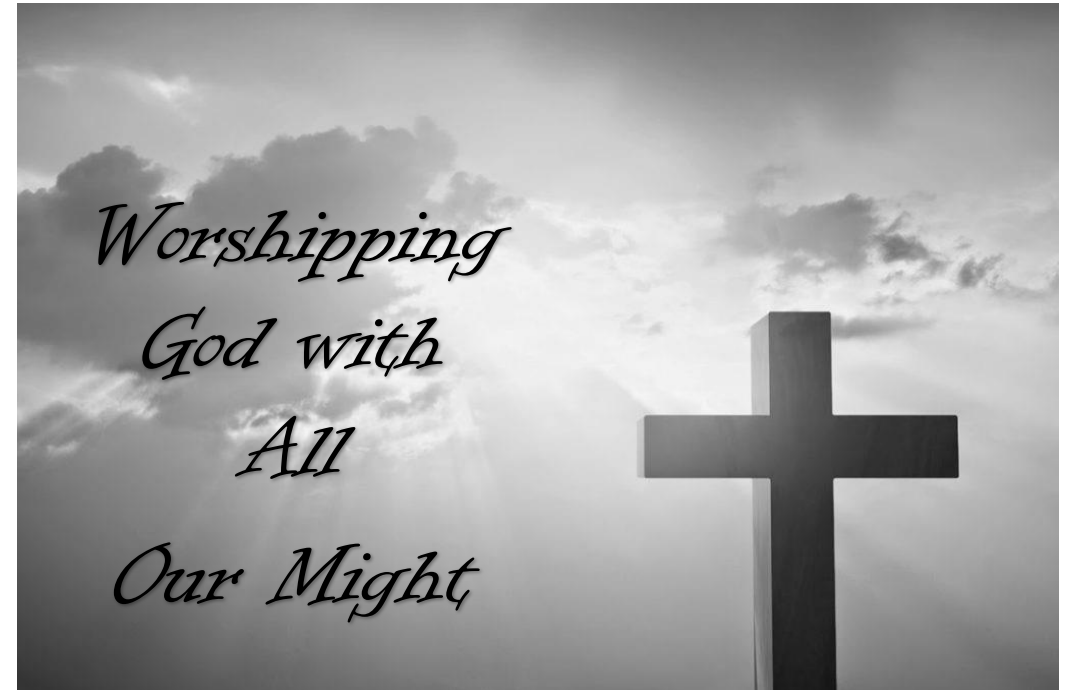
**The sign-up sheets are out for liturgist, greeters, ushers, and
fellowship hour hosts for July and August. Please consider helping on
Sunday mornings.**

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June 14, 2024



Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



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Mission Committee Notes

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Care – Pairs

Care - Pairs is a system where we can pair two people together to simply make a phone call to check on each other. The sign-up sheet is in the gathering area if you are interested in this program. If you want to know more, either take an information sheet or call Ruth Anderson @ 989-401-1908 or 989-225-1620.



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2 Samuel 6:1-19 New International Version

6 David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. **2** He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. **3** They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart **4** with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. **5** David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. **7** The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.

8 Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

9 David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?" **10** He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. **11** The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

12 Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. **13** When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. **14** Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, **15** while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

16 As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

17 They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. **18** After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. **19** Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Psalm 24 New International Version

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

² for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Savior.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.