

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025 10:00 am

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

God calls us to service, rather than honor.

God call us to love the unknown, rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

(silent confession)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison.

Assurance of Pardon / Passing of the Peace*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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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.

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT – Jeremiah 2:4-13 Barbara Wierwille "They have forsaken me, the spring of living water. And they have dug wells, broken wells that can't hold water."

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Alex and Marshall Chaney

GOSPEL - Luke 14:1, 7-14

"All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

"Just As I Am"

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* (from "A Declaration of Faith")

Christ calls us to be disciples. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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* "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" 442

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

Congregation

Go in peace, and the peace of God
on this day be blest.
Go in peace, with the grace of God,
giving trav'ler's rest.
I will hold you in my heart; Jesus loves you best.
Go in peace, and the grace of God,
grant you trav'ler's rest.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN - All are welcome!