



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

16 August 2026

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PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Tomasz Pietak, Organ

WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



SPECIAL MUSIC



OPENING HYMN – CH 718

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

1.

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2.

All the blessings of the field,
all the stores of gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply,
ripend 'neath the summer sky,
all that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'er flowing stores.

3.

These to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall rise
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

PASSING OF THE PEACE





SPECIAL PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1-8

Read by Jon Pirtle

“Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. Blessed is the one who does this—the person who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it, and keeps their hands from doing any evil.” Let no foreigner who is bound to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely exclude me from his people.” And let no eunuch complain, “I am only a dry tree.” For this is what the Lord says: “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant—to them I will give within my temple and its walls a

memorial and a name better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever.
And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to
him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all
who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast
to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and give
them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and
sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be
called a house of prayer for all nations.”

The Sovereign Lord declares—he who gathers the exiles of
Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already
gathered.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.” Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?” He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

“Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My

daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Sermon



RESPONSIVE HYMN- CH 576

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

1.

May faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

2.

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee;
pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

3.

While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
 be thou my guide;
 bid darkness turn to day;
 wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

A photograph of several jellyfish swimming in deep blue water. The jellyfish have translucent, bell-shaped bodies with a yellowish-orange glow. Their long, thin tentacles are visible, trailing behind them. The background is a solid, deep blue, suggesting a deep-sea environment. The text "OFFERING & MEDITATION" is overlaid in the top right corner in a white, sans-serif font.

OFFERING & MEDITATION

DOXOLOGY – CH 46

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 image features a deep blue, monochromatic background with several jellyfish floating. The jellyfish are translucent with visible internal structures and long, fine tentacles trailing behind them. They are positioned at various depths and angles, creating a sense of movement in the water. The word "PRAYERS" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and slightly to the left of the vertical center.

PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC





ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – CH 546

Amazing Grace

1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

3.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

BLESSING

**GO IN PEACE TO LOVE
AND SERVE THE LORD.**

THANKS BE TO GOD

Amen! אָמֵן



POSTLUDE

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