



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
12th Sunday after Pentecost • August 23, 2020

**GATHERING**

*Come, let us gather together where the sacred and the ordinary meet.  
Come, let us gather together in Word, Song and Prayer.  
Come, let us gather in the midst of all that we are and experience.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Virtual Check-In**

Nick Carlson  
Pastor Mark Rambo

**GATHERED IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts,  
be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen!  
Psalm 19:14

**Call to Worship**

In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.  
In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.  
In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.  
In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.  
God of present, past and future, guide us now to your new age of promise.

**Hymn**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise God's name, I'm fixe upon it, Name of God's redeeming love.  
Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.  
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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**Invocation**

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be. You have come to us in Jesus Christ to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, change us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world. Amen.

**The Written Word**

Isaiah 51: 1-6

**Mission Moment**

What ministry feeds your soul?

**Song of Preparation**

*Shelter Me*

Darrell Born

Shepherd and sheep, my God and I; to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.  
You gave me rest by quiet springs and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

O shelter me, O shelter me:

The way ahead is dark and difficult to see. O shelter me, O shelter me:

All will be well if only you will shelter me.

Yet now I tread a different way; death dogs my path with stealthy step from day to day.  
I cannot find your peaceful place but dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

O shelter me, O shelter me:

The way ahead is dark and difficult to see. O shelter me, O shelter me:

All will be well if only you will shelter me.

I will look back in days to come and realize your faithfulness has led me home.  
Within your house I'll find my peace, trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

O shelter me, O shelter me:

The way ahead is dark and difficult to see. O shelter me, O shelter me:

All will be well if only you will shelter me.

**The Written Word**

Psalm 138

**Prayers of the People**

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**Song of Response**

*Forever You Reign*

David Nash

In your love, you have set me free  
You have kept me from, a lonely death  
You have set my feet, on higher ground  
I will sing your praise, for the rest of my life (repeat)  
When my groans are many my heart is faint  
You lift me up, out of my own waste  
You touch my lips, and hear my cry  
Forever you reign  
Forever you reign  
In your love, you have set me free  
You have kept me from, a lonely death  
You have set my feet, on higher ground  
I will sing your praise, for the rest of my life  
When my groans are many my heart is faint  
You lift me up, out of my own waste  
You touch my lips, and hear my cry  
Forever you reign  
Forever you reign  
I will trust in you  
Break my heart in two  
Anoint my head with your oil of joy  
Today I hear your voice  
Yes, today I hear your voice; today I hear your Voice!  
When my groans are many my heart is faint  
You lift me up, out of my own waste  
You touch my lips, and hear my cry  
Forever you reign  
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**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**The Written Word**

Galatians 2:15–21

**The Spoken Word**

From Either/Or to Both/And

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Song**

*Blue Collar Praise*

Common Hymnal

We dream of you on city streets, breathing again on our bones  
We dream of you at kitchen sinks, your glory filling our homes  
We are not beasts of burden, we are children of grace  
And the blue in our collars, is a garment of praise.  
We dream of you on country roads, strolling along with our friends  
Leaving behind, flickering screens to be together again.  
We are not beasts of burden, we are children of grace  
And the blue in our collars, is a garment of praise.  
Let the earth rejoice, let the seas resound  
Let the people sing their songs of joy  
Let the rocks cry out, let the rivers roll  
Let the people sing their songs of joy.  
We are not beasts of burden, we are children of grace  
And the blue in our collars, is a garment of praise.

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Closing Song**

*Bind Us Together*

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with love.  
There is only one God, There is only one King.  
There is only one body, That is why we sing:  
Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with love.

**Weekly Challenge**

**Postlude**

Nick Carlson

**Benediction**

*Walk Humbly – Love Completely – Live Differently*