

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING SENTENCES

In Christ we are no longer strangers;
We are members of the household of God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God, author of our life and end of our pilgrimage: guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, not stumble in the darkness, but may finish our course in safety and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us as we confess our faults. Restore us as we are penitent, according to your promises delivered to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

Listen, the time has come at last.
Look, now is the time of salvation!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

"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."

ANTHEM

"Be Still. Jordan"
Chancel Choir

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Reading from Ephesians 2:11-22

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Dividing Wall Of Hostility"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall

come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)

their 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth...

OFFERING MUSIC (HYMN 1910 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory")

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

HYMN No. 458 "Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet"

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE "God Bless America"

God Bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam. God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home, God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home.

*The flowers today are given by David and Mary Vezzetti
in honor of their 32nd Wedding Anniversary.*

Lectionary texts for July 18, 2021 are 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

