

Sunday Worship

February 12, 2023

God Gathers the Church

GATHERING MUSIC and WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The love of God has
been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;
we dwell in God and God in us.
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known Gods deeds among the peoples.
Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God,
and speak of all Gods marvelous works.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

*OPENING HYMN: #131 *"Surely the Presence"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God,
you send us the Spirit of courage,
but we have been afraid.
You send us the Spirit of truth,
but we cling to our illusions.
You send us the Spirit of healing,
but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts,
set our souls on fire with your love:
send us out into the world
rejoicing in your power.
We hold out to you
all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,
and we ask for your help
to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ,
any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,
make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to
your own interests,
but to the interests of others.

***GLORIA PATRI**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE READING John 16:12-15 and John 14:23-29 (*New Testament*, pg. 110, 109)

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION: #492 "Spirit of the Living God"**

SERMON: "The Words We Speak: I Believe in the Holy Spirit"

Rev. Kendra VanHouten

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH: THE APOSTLES CREED

The Church Responds to God

THE SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors) *

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.

***SENDING HYMN: #326 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Today's liturgy and prayer is from The Worship Sourcebook.*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**
