



SOTC Worship  
August 20 2023  
Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
**Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection.*

Good and gracious God,  
**to you all hearts are open and all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

By water and the Word the Holy Spirit gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, you are forgiven of all your sin. May the God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and fill you with abundant and eternal life.

**Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

KYRIE

See Liturgy Packet

HYMN OF PRAISE

See Liturgy Packet

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

————— **WORD** —————

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.*

READINGS: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8; PSALM 67; ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:10-28

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

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APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

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## MEAL

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#### OFFERING

#### OFFERING PRAYER

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

See Liturgy Packet

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.*

## LAMB OF GOD

See Liturgy Packet

## COMMUNION SONG

UNITED AT THE TABLE

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

————— **SENDING** —————

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG

WE ARE CALLED

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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