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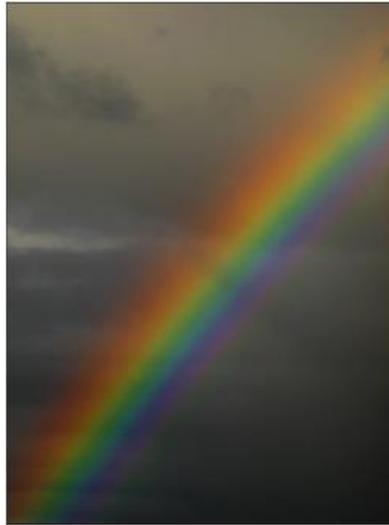
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September 11, 2022 – 11:00 am

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



"Rainbow" - Chris Elt

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, and with every living being with you—with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you. I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth."

Genesis 9:8-11 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Some of the liturgy today is from Ruth Burgess, Acorns and Archangels (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2009).*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

WILLIAM BARNETT/TUNE: ADONIRAM GORDON

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #420:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power.  
Crown Thine ancient church's story,  
Bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,  
Bend our pride to Thy control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,  
Gird our lives that they may be,  
Armored with all Christ-like graces,  
Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not them nor Thee,  
That we fail not them nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation,  
To the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of Thy salvation,  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore,  
Serving Thee whom we adore.

#### \*OPENING SENTENCES

JULIA BROWN, "OPEN HANDS"

Open hands; to receive, to offer, not clinging or grasping, accepting and passing on.

***Open hands; not controlling, but unique and vulnerable, marked with life.***

Open hands; holding past and present and future together, with love, with hope.

Let us worship our God.

#### \*GATHERING PRAYER

CAROLYN MORRIS, "NOT SO SAFELY GATHERED IN"

Not so safely gathered in,  
in recent years.  
Climate change, floods and disease  
have taken their toll.

As we sing the joyful hymns  
and admire the harvest display,  
give us compassion  
and understanding  
which moves beyond our dismay

at the increased prices in our shops,  
into prayer  
and active concern  
for those whose livelihood depends on the harvest  
in all its forms.

We pray for farmers,  
Especially for those whose life's work has been destroyed in an instant;  
for local people who suffer the knock-on effects;  
for all affected by climate change across the world. *Amen.*

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear  
*and show us what we ought to do*  
to follow Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

### ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

**MATTHEW 8:24-27**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1179

**GENESIS 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17**

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 6-9

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

### AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

**\*DOXOLOGY #593:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

### \*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #272:** *God of the Sparrow*

JAROSLAV J. VAJDA

God of the sparrow — God of the whale — God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe — How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake — God of the storm — God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe — How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow — God of the cross — God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace — How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry — God of the sick — God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care — How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor — God of the foe — God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love — How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages — God near at hand — God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy — How do your children say Home

## TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Friends, let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

God of flood and bow, Maker of sunshine and rain,  
it is to you that we come this morning.  
Excited for what is to come as a new school year begins and our programming ramps us,  
anxious over all that is happening in our lives and in our world that has gone wrong,  
in this, we confess that we need you.

Orderer of chaos, Source of hope,  
it is to you that we come this morning.  
We bring our whole selves before you, even those parts we'd rather not dwell upon,  
full of our dreams and fears, our successes and failures; our joy and despair,  
in this, we confess that we need you.

To you, O God, we come in silence.

*silence*

## A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

## AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, know that you are loved, and you are enough.  
In Jesus Christ, we have been raised to new life.

***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: #837 (GLORY TO GOD): *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

### **Refrain:**

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### THE WORD IN MUSIC: *The Storm is Passing Over*

CHARLES A. TINDLEY

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Sermon: *"Out of Chaos, Hope"***

REV. PHILLIPS

## A PRAYER FOR PEACE

On this day when our nation remembers 9/11, I invite us to join together and pray for peace. I invite you to do so remembering those who died on that day, and remembering all who are victims of violence and terror around the world. Let us remember, and pray together for peace:

*silence*

People of God, for the sake of the world that God loves so much, let us pray.  
Pray for peace throughout our world.

***We pray for peace in every nation – that people will turn their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and study war no more.***

*pause*

Pray for the peace of the church.

***We pray for peace in Christ's body – put an end to fear and fighting, and help us to proclaim in word and action the good news of salvation for all.***

*pause*

Pray for the peace of this community.

***We pray for peace in this place – for safety in our homes and streets, for prosperity of our neighbors, and for the health of family and friends.***

*pause*

God of the future, make us ready for the coming of your reign,  
when you will bring everlasting peace and renew the face of the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

So now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray in the language we are most familiar with, saying:

***...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.***

**\*CLOSING HYMN :** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

FANNY CROSBY

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
Hear my humble cry,  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.

### **Refrain:**

Savior, Savior,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.

Let me at a throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
Help my unbelief. **[Refrain]**

Trusting only in Thy merit,  
Would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
Save me by Thy grace. **[Refrain]**

Thou the Spring of all my comfort,  
More than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heav'n but Thee? **[Refrain]**

**\*SPOKEN CHARGE**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**\*CHORAL BLESSING:** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

PETER C. LUTKIN

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord lift his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you.  
Amen, amen.

**POSTLUDE:** *The Trumpet of Responding Praise*

FRANKLIN RITTER

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **This Week's Calendar:**

Today:

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person in the Sanctuary & Live Stream)**

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person in the Sanctuary & Live Stream)**

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