

ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fort Worth, Texas
Service for The LORD'S Day

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 28, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Bold text: All | Regular text: Leader | †: *Please stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Aria* (1946)

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all God's words, and gracious in all God's deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The LORD is just in all God's ways, and kind in all God's doings.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on God in truth.

†HYMN: 806 *I'll Praise My Maker*

OLD 113TH

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Fill us with your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may use the good things of this life to honor those of eternal worth; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (*kneeling or bowing down*)

from Ephesians 3

Gracious God, though 'Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith,' we admit that we are not always open to 'being rooted and grounded in love.' You offer 'the power [for us] to comprehend what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge;' instead, we stoke our petty divisions and push our shortsighted viewpoints. You desire to fill us 'with all the fullness of God,' yet we cling to our own anxieties and fears. Forgive us, merciful One. Turn our whole selves to you, that we may be filled with Christ alone, for the blessing of all. Amen.

KYRIE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of the LORD Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

†GLORIA PATRI 580

SCOTTISH

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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Jane Harbison

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Pew Bible OT p. 336

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 3:14-21

Pew Bible NT p. 193

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

All children in 5th grade and younger are invited into the center of the sanctuary to surround the Gospeler during the Gospel Processional Hymn.

†GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

†LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

Pew Bible NT p. 97

This is the Gospel of the LORD.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Holy Extravagance"

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Callender, *Pastor*

TIME OF REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

†HYMN: 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's 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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and 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.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

†DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The LORD'S Supper is open to all who seek to know God through Jesus Christ, regardless of religious background. It is served by intinction, coming forward to the servers and dipping the bread into the chalice of wine, held by the inside servers, or the chalice of grape juice, held by the outside servers. Gluten-free bread is available by speaking to the minister. If you wish to be served in your seat, let the usher know when your row is released to come forward. The server will say "The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation for you" or the like, to which you may respond, "Thanks be to God" or "Amen."

GREAT PRAYER OF 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 God thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues...)

SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er
God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high- est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high- est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD (kneeling or bowing down)

Response: Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*kneeling or bowing down*)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All blessings to you, O Redeemer. You have blessed us at this table by lifting us up to the risen Christ who reigns upon your throne, through the Spirit. May we live as extravagantly toward others as you live toward us, that all may know the grace you lavish upon them, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD BY GOD

†HYMN: 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

POSTLUDE: *A Festive Trumpet Tune* (1990)

David German (b. 1954)

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Beth Fultz and her service to the children and families of St. Stephen by Debra & Paul Nyul



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