

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 18, 2021

9:00 AM

CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome, Celebration and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

†Hymn 104

O Worship the King

CLEANSING OUR HEARTS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Magnificent Father, You are the eternal ground amid the sinking sand of human existence. Our lives are like a mist that rise in the morning but fade with the heat of the sun. Forgive us when we think that our lives will continue forever without a relationship with You. Forgive us for investing so much in the temporary and neglecting the eternal impact of our lives. Help us, gracious Savior, to number our days correctly, that we will seek follow You with all of our heart. Wean us, O Lord, from the lusts of this this world which are fading away, so that we will be reborn to the newness of eternal life. Teach us to walk in Spirit, that we will not fulfill the works of our sinful nature, so that we will know You in truth, love You with joy, and serve You with sacrifice. This we pray in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral Response

Hymn 686

“O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.”

RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

†Doxology

Hymn 815

†Fourth Stanza of America

Pew Hymnal, page 807

Our Father's God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

†Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.087-6.088

Good works are only such as God has commanded in the Holy Scripture, and not acts devised by humanity out of blind zeal without Biblical merit, or upon any pretense of simple good intentions. These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith and by them believers Manifest their thankfulness. These works strengthen the assurance of God's people and edify their brothers and sisters. Good works are an adornment to the profession of the gospel, as well as stop the mouths of the adversaries. Ultimately these works glorify God, whose workmanship they are, and we are created in Christ Jesus to do them so that believers have fruit unto holiness, thus have the end of eternal life. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn 410

Standing on the Promises

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

John 15:5-17

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Message

Truth or Consequences: True Friendship

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady

CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn 435

God of Grace and God of Glory

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Worshippers are asked to stand, if able