

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

August 16, 2026
9:15 AM



Gathering Hymn.....This Little Light of Mine (677)
Hymn of the Day.....Canticle of the Turning (723)
Communion.....Jesus on the Main Line
I Saw the Light
I'll Fly Away
Sending Hymn.....Lift Up Your Eyes

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Announcements

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the power at work within us and this world.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

God and Father of all,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

This Little Light of Mine (677)

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

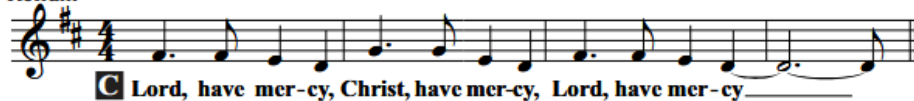
Greeting

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

Refrain



[A] For peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion. (to Refrain)
 [A] For peace in the whole world... and the un - i - ty of all na - tions. (to Refrain)
 [A] For all of your chil - dren who pray to their ma - ker. (to Refrain)
 [A] For eas - ing of the bur - dens of an - ger, fear and ha - tred. (to Refrain)
 [A] For the chil - dren, hun - gry or ne - glec - ted in ev - 'ry na - tion. (to Refrain)
 [A] For those who have no bread and those who find no joy. (to Refrain)
 [A] For those who came be - fore us and now are in your glo - ry. (to Refrain)
 [A] Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. (to Amen)
 [C] A - - - men

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God,
 through our Baptism into Christ you claim us as your
 children. By your Spirit strengthen our faith that we are your
 children and inspire us to live out your love for others through
 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Women's Ensemble

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg

Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations
on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

+ Gospel Acclamation

A Lord, to whom shall we go? **C** Lord, to whom shall we go?

A You are gra-cious and merc-i-ful. **C** Lord, to whom shall we go?

A Slow to an-ger and abound-ing in love. **C** Lord, to whom shall we go?

A Lord, to whom shall we go? **C** Let us trust in your word.

C Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me

as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning (723)

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Holy Baptism

Lennox Kai Moreau

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Prayers

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lannette Abbey, Melvin Allen, Scott Allen, Norma Brennand, Bill Broderick, Allen Brooks, Dorothy Carlson, Jordan Eldridge, Marilyn Gulliksen, Amy Harrison, Ralph Hathaway, Christopher

Johnson, Julie Lindeman, Nicole Marvin, Rich Paradis, Jeff Sebben, Ilene Steinkruger, Steve Tompkins, Juanita Vanlandingham, Alicia Weatherly, Karla Weaver, all our men and women serving overseas including Anthony Calderon, Zacary Cotton, Leanne Trump, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
 2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.

Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
 Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
 In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
 In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.

Offering Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

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

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion

Jesus on the Main Line

Chorus:

Jesus is on the mainline, tell Him what you want (3 times)

You can call Him up and tell Him what you want

Well, the line ain't never busy, tell Him what you want (3x)

You can call Him up and tell Him what you want

Chorus

Well, if you want His kingdom, tell Him what you want (3x)

You can call Him up and tell Him what you want

Chorus

Well, if you want His peace and love, tell Him what you want (3x)

You can call Him up and tell Him what you want

Chorus

If you're feeling down and out, tell Him what you want (3x)

You can call Him up and tell Him what you want

Chorus

I Saw the Light

Hank Williams

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin; I wouldn't ask my dear savior in. Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Chorus:

I saw the light, I saw the light. No more darkness; no more night. Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Just like a blind man I wandered alone, Worries and fears I claimed for my own. Then like the blind man that Jesus gave back his sight; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Chorus

I was a fool to wander astray, For straight is the gate and narrow is the way. Now I have traded the wrong for the right; Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Chorus

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus:

I'll fly away, Oh Glory. I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus

Oh how glad and happy when we meet I'll fly away;
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away; To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away (I'll fly away). Chorus

The Communion Blessing

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance,

with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lift Up Your Eyes



Lift up your eyes,	the moun-tains rise,	a re - fuge
O taste and see,	mid bar - ren trees,	on fro - zen
Be still and know,	though change be slow,	the winds still
In peace lie down,	the stars sur - round	and moon il -
With mer - cy crowned,	the thirst - y ground	a - wakes to



forged by fire and	ice	for flow - er wild,	for bird and
prai - rie, win - try	field	all hope is hid	in nest and
blow and wa - ters	flow	o'er stone and sand	and soil to
lu-mines an - cient	ground	where stor - ies told	by el - ders
thun-der rain - ing	down	a ris - ing song	on lake and



beast,	from val - ley wide to rock - y peaks.	Lift up your
womb,	in bur - ied seed and closed	O taste and
shape	the can - yon, land, and des - ert - scape.	Be still and
wise	more fine than gold from dust a - rise.	In peace lie
stream	as ri - vers strong-er race to seas.	With mer - cy



eyes,	see love	a - rise.
see	the life	un - seen.
know	faith forms	you so.
down,	the saints	sur - round.
crowned,	let joy	re - sound.

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Benediction
Amen.

Sending
Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude **Amazing Grace**

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