SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 - 13TH PENTECOST

Prelude | Welcome

Call to Worship
Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
Congregation: … and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11.28)

Brief Order of Confession
Pastor: When we come to God with open hearts, we will not be pushed away but will find the very hope and strength that we need. Let us confess to God those things that weigh upon us and trust in the power of Jesus to make us whole.

(silence for reflection)

Congregation: God of creation, we confess to you and to one another that we are often held captive by pride and conceit. We at times treat others with contempt and fail to explain our neighbor's actions in the kindest of ways. We fail to love one another. Forgive our lack of concern for others, for creation, and for your commands, and restore a new and right spirit within us.

Pastor: My friends, hear the good news: "But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3.5-6)
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn - "The Church's One Foundation" (ELW #654, vs. 1-3)

Greeting
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
Congregation: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise - "Be Not Afraid" (ELW #388; sing 2x)

Prayer of the Day
Pastor: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: Amen

Children's Message

Scripture - Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Acclamation - "Celtic Alleluia" (ELW #174; cantor sings once, congregation repeats once)

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

Message - Pastor Nate Montover

Hymn of the Day - "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" (ELW #597)

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of the People
Pastor: Lord in your mercy
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace | Thanksgiving for Offerings

Holy Communion | Words of Institution | Lord's Prayer
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 Blessing
Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and for life everlasting.
Congregation: Amen

Communion Canticle - "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" (ELW #717; vs 1-2)

Announcements | Benediction

Sending Hymn - "We All Are One In Mission" (ELW #576)

Dismissal
Pastor: "Peace be to the brothers and sisters...
Congregation: ... and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 6.23)
All: Amen

Postlude

Thanks to those serving in worship today!

Worship Team: Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover
Cantor: Julie Jensen | **Organ & Piano:** Ruth Armstrong
Greeters: Cheri Francik, Carol Patterson | **Ushers:** Mike Dryden, Wendy French
Tech Team: Les & Evelyn Beck, Ralph Kendrick | **Nursery:** Melody Eiben
Café Hosts: Roger & Mary Jo Carlson, Kent Stock | **Donut Pick-up:** Brad Johnson
Counters: Greg Meier, Curt Duwe

WORSHIP GUIDE

Gathering Hymn
"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Hymn of Praise
"BE NOT AFRAID"

sing 2x:
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation
"CELTIC ALLELUIA"

cantor sings one time:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

congregation sings one time:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Worship Guide

Hymn of the Day
"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
chorus:
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
~ chorus ~

His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.
~ chorus ~

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!
~ chorus ~

Communion Canticle
"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

Sending Hymn
"We All Are One In Mission"

We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and
let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for
God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.