



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship for streaming service during COVID-19

July 26, 2020

9:30 am



about today's service

The book of The Acts of the Apostles is often referred to as "The Gospel of Luke, Part 2." It begins with the founding of the Church through the blessing of Christ and the sending of the Spirit. It deals with the struggles, joys, frustrations, and growth of the Body of Christ throughout those middle decades of the First Century. The book closes with the Apostle Paul in Rome, defending the faith before an unbelieving government. We as a congregation will be looking at this book over seven weeks, and discover how the lives of believers from nearly two thousand years ago match up with the struggles, joys, frustrations, and growth of our lives, today!

P: Presiding Minister C: Congregation L: Lector

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Welcome Pastor Jack Horner

Gathering music "This is My Father's World" arr. Marianne Kim Timothy Koch, piano

Announcements Pastor Jack Horner

Confession and Forgiveness Pastor Jack Horner

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: "This is My Father's World"

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

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- 2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
- 3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

(video)

Greeting Pastor Jack Horner

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Prayer of the Day Pastor Jack Horner

P: Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message Pastor Liz Frey

✝ Word ✝

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

Sermon and Scripture reflection: Pastor John Brock

One Congregation, One Book: Acts

"Tell Your Life Story...Like Your Life Depended On It"

(Sermon and reading reflection for Acts of the Apostles, chapter 26)

Solo: "Blessed Assurance"

Kevin Appleby, soloist, Paul Walker, piano

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jack Horner

Lord's Prayer Pastor Jack Horner

P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

C: 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.

Passing of Peace Pastor Jack Horner

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

✝ Meal ✝

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Eucharistic Prayer Pastor Jack Horner

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

P: Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen

✠ Sending ✠

We have heard the Word of God and offered our gifts. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing of Communion to the Homebound Pastor Jack Horner

P: Compassionate God, we are all homebound during this time. Bless those who receive your word and sacrament at home. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing Pastor Jack Horner

P: The Lord be near you at all times, the Lord walk beside you so that you will not be troubled, the Lord fill your hearts with gladness, and your mouth with joyful song; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.

Dismissal Pastor Jack Horner

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Song "This Little Light of Mine" Traditional
(FaithX video)

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worship leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Preacher: The Rev. John H. Brock

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