## August 20, 2023 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ responsive

Leader: God calls us to worship this morning with comfort and joy.

People: We come seeking God's guidance and love.

Leader: Though we all like sheep have gone astray, our God calls us back to him.

People: And through the power of God's forgiveness and grace, we are renewed.

Amen.

\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit

\*Hymn ~ "Come Now is the Time to Worship"

**Invitation to Confession** 

Prayer of Confession ~ in unison

Lord, when we stray from your call for our lives, you call us to forgiveness and your love. God, hear our confessions of sins and bring us back to your love. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

**Assurance of Forgiveness** 

Responsive Chorus #710 ~ "Sanctuary" (x2) Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ "I Love This Family" (arr. C. Bowes) (x2)

I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,

They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.

Offering Prayer

\*Doxology#606 ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)
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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 56:1;6-8

Special Music ~ "Shine On Us" (M.W. Smith) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 15:11-32

Message ~ "Sinners, Saints and Sons"

\*Hymn #627 ~ "I Love You Lord" (x2)

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

The Lord's Prayer ~ in unison

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.

## Postlude

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The mission of **St. Paul's Dress Ministry** is to donate all proceeds to charities. In keeping with that mission, recent donations were made to **Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners**, **World Central Kitchen for Maui, and Eagles Helping Hands**, a local food pantry that was also the 2023 designated recipient of the combined services free will offering.

Thank you to **Pam Phillips** for her devotion to the ministry, and thank you as well to her group of dedicated volunteers.

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn #634 ~ "To God Be the Glory"

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction

<sup>\*</sup>Choral Response ~ "My Friends May You Grow in Grace" (G. Scheer, G. DeMey, G. Kett, S Diamond, T.J. Meaney)
My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
Refrain: To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever. Amen.
To God be the glory now and forever, now and forever. Amen.

**Chancel Flowers** may be ordered from the Board of Deacons for any of the remaining available Sundays in 2023. Order forms are in the office. Please check the chart on the lobby wall for an open date **before** placing your order.

## Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Karen Ewin, Steve Boyak, Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin August and Faith Kornowicz

Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell

Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson

Pat Garrett ~ sister of Don Tulley; Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips

Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey

Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff

Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski

Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham

Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley

Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz

Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley

Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor

Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor

Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz

Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock

Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck

Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright

Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet

Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour

David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook

Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo

Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis



This simple song of adoration provides a significant blend of individual and communal considerations, for although the text is written in the voice of one person, the music involves multiple voices singing in harmony. The resulting experience seems more shared than solitary.



This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

