

## Resources

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## July 14, 2024 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## PREWORSHIP MUSIC

Mr. Kevin Crone

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Rev. Laura C. Baker

CANDLELIGHTING PRELUDE

Acolyte

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Pastor: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

Congregation: We come this day,

grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Pastor: Sing with great enthusiasm

of God's mighty power and love.

Congregation: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

Pastor: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

**Congregation:** May God's praise

always be in our hearts and in our lives.

HYMN Let the Whole Creation Cry Blue Hymnal, #21

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

Pastor: Beloved of God, the truth is liberating. Let us honestly examine

our hearts and minds and confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming

problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible as we invest billions in weapons of war. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck – trapped! – in our

comfortable ways. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our

ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVNESS

Pastor: Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's

grace. Respond with bold, courageous love.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

All people: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Halle-Halle-Hallelujah Blue Hymnal, #41

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: May the peace of Christ fill you with joy.

Peace be with you.

All people: And also with you.

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"

HYMN Standing on the Promises Blue Hymnal, #552

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

GOSPEL READING Mark 6:14-29

SERMON Rev. Laura C. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

All people: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Mr. Kevin Crone

Sing a New Exultent Song (Rotermund)

**OFFERING INVITATION** 

Liturgist: In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with

a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings

to God with a song and a prayer.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY Praise God Blue Hymnal, #46

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the

exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve

and share. May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us and

your world. Amen

HYMN My Life Flows On Bulletin, Page 4

(Blue Hymnal, #619)

**BENEDICTION** 

Pastor: Children of God,

may your life flow on in endless song!

Dance, sing, and praise!

Dance joy into sorrowful places! Sing hope into places of despair! Praise God this day and always!

All people: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Acolyte

POSTLUDE Mr. Kevin Crone