

“You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a child of God.”

Church in the Forest

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2015 • 9:30 am

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
 3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free;
 4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of God's grace!
 'Tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
 Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
 To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland		
Assistant Minister and Bible Study	The Rev. Ken Feske		
Music Director	Melinda Coffey Armstead		
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Altar Care	Martha Jordan		
Ushers	Sandy and Bob Rice		

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Afterwards, the minister welcomes the congregation and invites us to stand

Minister: This day is a gift from God, so let us worship God in spirit and in truth, knowing as we do so we are in touch with the power of all creation.

People: **Happy are we when we hear the word of the Lord and hold it close to our hearts, and follow it up with our actions of goodness and love.**

Minister: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

The hymn is on page two — Afterwards the service continues below

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 12: 10-21

Lloyd Nattkemper

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37: 1–5, 8–11

Responsively

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13: 24-30

THE SERMON

“All Things Considered”

the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Afterwards, the minister will ask you to stand for the Creed

THE CREED

In unison

We believe in God,

Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus to reconcile

And to make all things new.

We trust in God,

Who calls us to be the Church;

To love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus, Crucified, dead and risen;

Our judge and our hope, In life, In death,

In life beyond death, God is with us:

We are not alone, Thanks be to God. Amen.

—Statement of Faith from the Iona Community

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome is extended to each one of you here in this sacred place. If you are a visitor, please let us know of your presence by filling out a visitor card, which can be found in the bible rack of each pew, and then placing it in the offering plate when it is passed to you.

The church has a very active prayer group that is committed to respectfully and confidentially bring your requests to the God of us all. If you would care to join that group, please let **Sherry** know by filling out your desire on the prayer request/visitor card.

If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted to have you as part of this wonderful church family. For more information about what it means to unite with the Church in the Forest, please speak to one of the ministers, or check with **Marilyn Kren**, the chair of the *New Member Committee*. She will be delighted to chat with you. You may also use the card in the bible rack to request information.

Please stay for a bit following the service and enjoy a time of getting to know each other as well as savoring a good cup of coffee and delectable cookies. Our thanks to **Jan Reimers** for our refreshments. Bringing cookies is a way to become instantly popular. Sign up today on the bulletin board.

The flowers at the altar are given by **Kim Talley**, "In honor of my parents', **Don and Diane Watson**, 63rd wedding anniversary;" and **Gary and Shirley Gregersen**, "In celebration of our 27th wedding anniversary."

See the announcement from the *Pastor Search Committee* on page 11.

We are sorry to let you know of the passing of **Graeme Mackenzie**, beloved husband of **Judy**, this past Sunday. A service of celebration for his life is planned for **Saturday, September 12, 2015, at 2 o'clock** at Church in the Forest.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us offer ourselves to God.

THE OFFERING

Chaconne..... G. F. Handel

After the alms are gathered, the congregation rises and sings the Doxology

THE DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures

here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

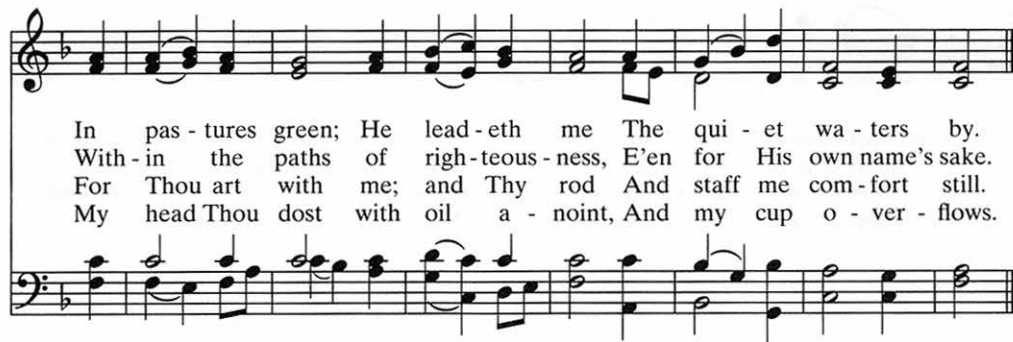
Please remain standing for thy hymn on the following page

Scottish Psalter, 1650

Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872
Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929



1. The Lord's my Shep-herd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
2. My soul He doth re - store a - gain; And me to walk doth make
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none ill;
4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;



In pas - tures green; He lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
With - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
My head Thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

After the hymn, the minister continues and you may sit or kneel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

THE PRAYERS

The minister will lead the prayers and conclude each prayer with:

We pray to the Lord.

The congregation will then respond:

Lord hear our prayer.

Concluding prayer in unison on the following page

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Please stand for the hymn below

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Afterwards, the minister concludes the service

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Rondo in G..... John Bull (1562-1628)

Greetings,

Your *Pastor Search Committee* is pleased to report continued progress in this effort. We now have received a total of twenty applications in addition to several inquiries. Last Sunday a quorum of our *Committee* met at a local audio/visual facility and conducted initial interviews via Skype with two qualified candidates. While technology isn't always perfect, we did gain some strong insights into the nature and background of both candidates. It is rewarding to see a significant return from our advertising plan and your referrals, all of which are receiving close attention. We thank you for keeping us, as we keep all of you, in one another's prayers.

Music Box

— AUGUST 16, 2015 —

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Thursday night he decided to pack an emergency escape package after hearing a news report that Monterey County had been declared a Red Flag Zone until 11 am Friday because of potential lightning strikes. I asked why all the chocolate chip cookies were in there, and he said they protect against smoke inhalation. I never knew that.

It reminded me of grade school, when they would line us up in front of the exit for a fire drill, short ones in front, tallest in the back. I never understood, do tall people burn slower?

Leading me to the time I was playing with matches in Uncle Elton's garage one summer day with my cousin Thomas, and we got caught. AND scolded, in that maddening way adults have of discouraging natural childhood curiosity. (OK, there were oily rags and a can of gasoline in the corner, but you can't blame me for that). The lesson I learned is that scoldie is not my natural role. Since then, I play the opposing role or I don't play at all. Also, I just better not get my hands on the fink that told on us.

Handel wrote the Fireworks Music to accompany an extravagant fireworks display in London. It was a world premiere performance, conducted by Handel himself, so no expense was spared. Well, almost no expense. Evidently an Italian pyrotechnics crew bid on the project, and the terms they offered were too good to refuse. If it hadn't gotten entirely out of hand as to when the fireworks were lit and where they were actually pointed, it would have gone very well. And the success of the enterprise would have been disproportionate to the damages. Which in this case included the destruction of the entire set.

Melinda Coffey Armstead