

# TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 28, 2022



Park Hill  
PRESBYTERIAN

“SURVIVING IN OUR CURRENT  
WORLD SYSTEM CULTURE -  
NAVIGATING A TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE”

SAHR LEBBIE, ELDER  
HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16  
LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Celebrating Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 28, 2022, 11am  
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PRELUDE

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Stewpot
2. The Book Club—New Date—Tuesday Aug. 30, at 10:30am –Parlor
3. Friday, Lunch—New Date September 2, at 11am
4. Worship – Picnic for September 11.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Luke 14:11)

Leader: Who exalt themselves will be humbled

**People: And those who humble themselves will be exalted**

Leader: God invites us all to the kingdom's banquet

**People: Honored by God's welcome, we gather by grace.**

Leader: So then, let us worship God.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“Step By Step”

#743

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise you Oh God,  
You are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek You in the  
morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways. I will seek you in the  
morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my day days.

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND CONFESSION

The path of faithfulness is the path of humility. Let us bow before the God who created us and confess the sins that betray us and our faith.

**Savior God, forgive us when we jockey for the highest position and the most honorable seat at your table. All are welcome, but we want to know who was invited first. We categorize and rank according to the world's standards, not yours. Forgive our hierarchical ways. Forgive our lust for prestige and power. Return us to Christ, our model of humility and our guide in faith. Amen**

## HYMN OF FORGIVENESS

“In Christ Alone”

#814

*Verse 1*

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

*Verse 2*

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

*Verse 3*

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

*Verse 4*

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Isaiah 43:1)

“Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” **Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed. Amen**

READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sahr Lebbie

**13** Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

**14** On one occasion when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that

when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

SERMON

“Surviving In Our Current World System Culture/Navigating A True Christian Life”  
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ANTHEM

“We Lift Our Voices” (“We Are An Offering”)

#710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;  
we are an offering.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles Creed”

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(\*or universal)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Deb Mathis

God, can we be honest? It's hard to pray when the world seems in shambles. Our petitions, our thoughts and prayers, aren't enough in the wake of people losing everything to wildfires, floods and war.

Monkeypox is on the rise and we're not yet clear of COVID. Political leaders are on trial, fighting more scandals than fixing problems. What are we to do, God? How are we to be in this world of chaos and confusion? Living God, bolster us, we pray, through Word and worship. Remind us we are not alone. Support us with your Spirit's presence who gives words even to the least eloquent. Help us recall how you have equipped saints and ancestors who also did not know how to respond. Mold us into the kind of people who can help you bend the arc of this universe towards justice. Finally, hear our petitions for those in special need of grace today: •

- For victims of violence and abuse
- For the hungry and unhoused
- For the neglected and lonely
- For the misunderstood and marginalized
- For the ill, the dying, and those responsible for their care

We praise you, God of Glory, for your attention and your presence with us in prayer. We thank you for being in relationship with us. Hear us now, as we collectively pray the prayer Christ taught us saying,

**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.**

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

"Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

\*HYMN OF SENDING "God Of The Fertile Fields"

#714

Verse 1

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields  
our daily bread: Forth from your bounteous hand  
come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land  
be clothed and fed.

Verse 2

We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you  
all that you give; Help us in love to share,  
teach us like you to care for people everywhere,  
that all may live.

Verse 3

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need,  
so your reign grows. Let all our toil be used,  
no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused  
your love bestows.

Verse 4

God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
We pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We are sent to a world in great need of God's grace. In humility and in faith, let us respond to Christ's call and follow God's Spirit as we seek to bring and be good news for all. "May God bless you and keep you, may God be kind and gracious to you, may God look upon you with favor and bring us all peace." Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

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