

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Classic Services

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting Dr. Steve Pulliam

Opening Voluntary *To God Be the Glory* arr. Marilyn Ham

* **Call to Worship** Dr. Frode Gundersen

Pastor: Come, sing praises to God!
Rejoice in his presence!
For he is our God: a Father to the fatherless,
and the defender of all who need protection;
the One in whom the lonely find a home,
and the prisoner finds release.

People: **Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation,
who sustains and strengthens us, day after day.**

All: **Let us worship God together!**

* **Hymn 98** *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

* **Affirmation of Faith 881** (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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* **Gloria Patri 70** MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Call to Prayer

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.
Let us open ourselves up to the Lord now, as we go to him in prayer.

Congregational Prayer

**Loving God, we know that in every generation you call forth prophets
to proclaim your Word. We give you thanks that you are still speaking
even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new
creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess**

**that we fail to hear your voice when it comes from an unexpected
place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of your
reconciling love. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility, and awaken
us anew to your presence and your promise. Amen.**

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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. Amen.**

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Pam Gervais

* **Doxology 95** OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* **Hymn 141** *Children of the Heavenly Father* TRYGGARE

* **Sermon Text** Ephesians 1:3-14
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Becoming Who You Are* Dr. Steve Pulliam
CHOSEN BY A GRACIOUS GOD

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Hymn 206** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Voluntary** *March in B-flat Major* Edmond Stone

Central UMC Pastors:

Dr. Jan Davis, Dr. Steve Pulliam, Rev. Greg Gibson
Rev. Emily Burch (College Pastor); Rev. Jody Farrell (Genesis Pastor)
Dr. Jack Wilson (Pastor Emeritus); Rev. Tony Holifield (Pastor Emeritus)

Director of Music & Worship:

Dr. Frode Gundersen

Associate Director of Music & Organist:

Scott Montgomery

Sound/Video:

Luke Burton & Sam Thomas

Acolyte:

(10:45) Lauren Clinehens

WORSHIP NOTES:

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

The asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.

There are children's worship bags available for today's service.
Ask an usher if you would like one, and please return the bag after the service.

The altar flowers are given in celebration of Hugh and Brenda Kincaid's
wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

Members of Central's Prayer Team are available after the worship service,
in Wesley 107, to pray for you or someone you love.

SERMON NOTES: