

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018

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

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

Dr. Jan Davis

Opening Voluntary *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Marilyn Reiner
In the setting of J.S. Bach's *Musette* from *English Suite* No. 3

* **Call to Worship** Scott Montgomery

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"
People: Praise the Lord, who is our foundation!

* **Hymn 545** *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

* **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.**

Anthem *A Heavenly Medley* arr. Dave Leisure
Dave and Amy Leisure, duet

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than compassionate, more isolated than involved, more legalistic than loving. Have mercy on us, gracious Lord. Remove the obstacles that prevent us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. We pray this in Jesus' powerful name.

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 *Reflection on 'Blessed Assurance'* J. Bert Carlson

* **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 405** *Seek Ye First* SEEK YE

* **Sermon Text** Ephesians 2:11-22
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Becoming Who You Are* Dr. Jan Davis
INCLUDED IN GOD'S FAMILY

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Hymn 540** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

* Benediction

* **Closing Voluntary** *Scherzo* Felix Mendelssohn

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

Acolytes:

(8:30) Avery McFadden
(10:45) Stella Garton & Evan Pitts

WORSHIP NOTES:

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

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

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

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: