



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Nicholas Palmer

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We sing to our Lord a new song; We sing in our world a sure Hope:

All: Our God loves this world, God called it into being, God renews it through Jesus Christ, God governs it by the Spirit.

Liturgist: God is the world's true Hope.

Our Song of Hope – Prelude

* **All Singing: 551 "All Creatures of Our God and King"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 5

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 228 "Send Us Your Spirit"**
All singing refrain, soloist singing verses

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Our only hope is Jesus Christ.

All: **After we refused to live in the image of God, He was born of the virgin Mary, sharing our genes and our instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of our God.**

Liturgist: Being united to Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in Him.
Our Song of Hope – 3

All Singing: 639 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world.

All: **In His death, the justice of God is established; forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.**

Liturgist: On the day of the resurrection, the tomb was empty; His disciples saw Him; death was defeated; new life had come.

All: **God's purpose for the world was sealed.** *Our Song of Hope – 4*

* **All Singing: 177 "Oh, to See the Dawn"**

Liturgist: We hear the Spirit's call to love one another opposing discrimination of race or sex, inviting us to accept one another, and to share at every level in work and play, in church and state, in marriage and family, and so fulfill the love of Christ.

All: **As male and female we look to the Spirit who makes us the stewards of life to plan its beginning, to love in its living, and to care in its dying. God makes us the stewards of marriage with its lifelong commitment to love; yet God knows our frailty of heart.**

Liturgist: The Spirit leads us into Truth– the Truth of Christ's salvation, into increasing knowledge of all existence.

All: **He rejoices in human awareness of God's creation and gives freedom to those on the frontiers of research. We are overwhelmed by the growth in our knowledge. While our truths come in broken fragments, we expect the Spirit to unite these in Christ.**

Our Song of Hope – 12, 13, 14

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Minister: We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord.

All: **God has come to us through the ancient people of Israel, as the true Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, as the Holy Spirit at work in our world.**

Minister: Our Lord speaks to us now through the inspired Scriptures.

All: **Christ is with us day by day.** *Our Song of Hope – 1*

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: What Does it Mean to Be Reformed? Covenant

* **All Singing: 35 “You Are Our God; We Are Your People”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Bethany Christian Services

OFFERTORY “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”
“O God, thou Faithful God” Edith McNeill
Karg-Elert

* **All Singing: 551 “All Creatures of Our God and King”**
Singing verse 6

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Minister: God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands, and perfect their fellowship in divine love.

All: Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God’s glory.

Minister: Come Lord Jesus: We are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you alone. *Our Song of Hope – 21*

* **All Singing: 953 “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”**

Postlude: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Ari Varghese
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg	Liturgist:	Amy Boerman-Cornell
Vocalist / Guitarist:	Marjie Coleman	Prayer:	Clay Carlson
Vocalists:	Jeff & Ginny Carpenter		
Violinist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Postlude Pianist:	Dorothy Wassenaar		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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