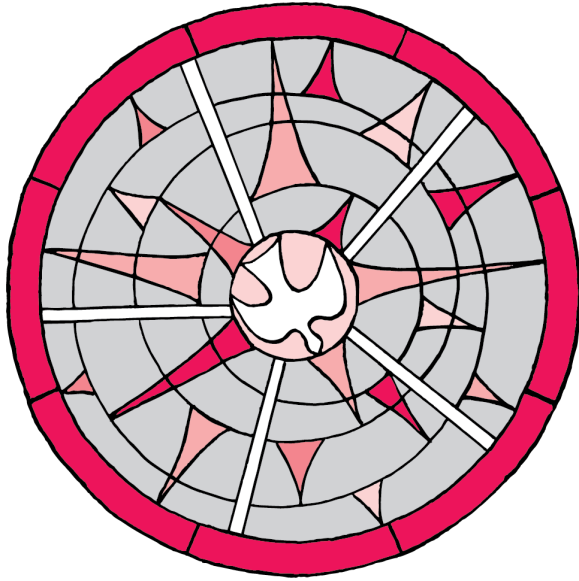




Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "It Is Well with My Soul"

arr. Gary Lanier

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: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us – that the way of God may be known upon earth, and his saving power among all nations.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Liturgist: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Liturgist: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.

Psalms 67:1-7 adapted

* **All Singing: 1 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 562 "We Will Extol You, God and King"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: The proof of God's amazing love is this:

All: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Liturgist: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: **Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.** *Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16 adapted*

Liturgist: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

All: **We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

Liturgist: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All: **In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,**

Liturgist: so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Liturgist: The Apostle Paul writes, I ask, then, has God rejected his people?

All: **By no means! God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**

Liturgist: Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

All: **For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.** *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 adapted*

* **All Singing:** **695 "And Can It Be"**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **God, our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and lead us into your truth for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture: Isaiah 56:1-8

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Gatherer

* **All Singing:** **248 "We Are Your People"**
Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

Dedication

TESTIMONY

Liturgist: At peace with God and standing in grace, we join our sister in bearing witness to God's *hesed*.

All: **Thanks be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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. Grace in Garfield Park

OFFERTORY “For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Nicholas Palmer

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 949 “May the Peace of Christ Be with You”**

Postlude: “Fanfare”

R. Mark Otterstad

Worship Leaders

Organist / Flutist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Colette Van Marion
Pianist:	Anne Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Jim Achterhof
Soloist / French Horn:	Aron Reppmann	Prayer:	Bill Boerman-Cornell
Guitar:	Ty Hillegonds	Testimony:	Karen Reppmann
Percussion:	Margot VanderWeele		
Minister:	Eric Robbert		

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