

وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ ااطلق هذه المرأة. لانها
تصيح في اثرنا. فاجاب وقال له ارسل



الا الي الخراف الضالة من بيت اسرائيل فانت
وسمحت له قايلة يارب اعني فاجاب وقال

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude on NEW BRITAIN

DeCou

Dr. Terry McRoberts

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John White & Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: Like doors open wide, welcoming all who gather here,

People: *God's hands are outstretched, extending mercy to all.*

Leader: Like many grains brought together in one loaf,

People: *God's love binds us as one, making us living grace for all.*

Leader: Like a persistent mother refusing to be dismissed or denied

People: *God's voice cries out, calling us to justice and right relationship with all.*

Leader: Like a party for the outcast, the foreigner, and the stranger,

People: *God's heart gathers us into a joyful house of prayer for all.*

Let us worship God, whose love is for all!

MUSIC

Come with a Singing Heart

Carter and Beall

Susannah White, soloist

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: Welcoming God, open our ears to the cries of the oppressed and the outcast.

Open our eyes to recognize you in the weary and the wounded,

People: *Open us, we pray.*

Leader: Open our hands to offer mercy to the desperate and the distressed.

Open our hearts to risk loving the least and the lost.

People: *Open us, we pray.*

Leader: Open our mouths to speak life-giving words of healing and hope.

Open our tables to offer bread to the hungry and the hurt

People: *Open us, we pray.*

Leader: Open our sanctuaries to welcome the stranger and the suffering.

Open our lives to your Spirit, who declares all beautiful and beloved.

People: *Open us, we pray. Open us today.*

And in our openness, reveal to us your reign of justice and joy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (From Psalm 103:8-12)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. John White

MUSIC

Prelude on ST PETER
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Matthews

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 67

Rev. Courtney Bowen

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 15: 21-28

Rev. John White

SERMON

"The Day Jesus Changed His Mind"

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

MUSIC

Come unto Him
Susannah White, soloist

Handel

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "A Brief Statement Faith")

Rev. Courtney Bowen

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us with the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church (continued)

and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY *Chorale Prelude on O WIE SELIG SEID IHR DOCH, IHR FROMMEN* Brahms

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

SENDING

CHARGE

Rev. John White

BENEDICTION

Rev. John White

POSTLUDE

Dialogue

Martin

Dr. Terry McRoberts