



**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**August 7, 2022**

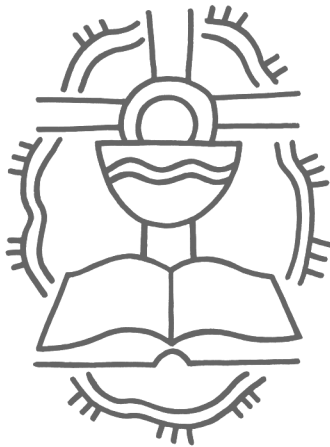
Pastor Mary Lindberg; Preaching & Presiding  
David Buice; Music

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**Welcome to Worship**

We are an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, age and ability into all aspects of our church life.

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## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Grand plein jeu*

LOUIS-NICOLAS CLÉRAMBAULT\*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.

**C:** **Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

**C:** **Amen.**



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-enge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

## GREETING

P: Christ has called us to this place, gathered one and all by the Holy Spirit.

C: **As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

#### **Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

P: The Word of the Lord, C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

### SECOND READING

#### **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

P: The Word of the Lord, C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL

#### **Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 638

*Blessed Assurance*

ASSURANCE



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition:*

A: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our Prayer.**

A: Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life, we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God, all for whom we pray,

**C: Amen.**

P: Peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with God's peace. Please be seated.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Basse de Cromorne*

LOUIS-NICOLAS CLÉRAMBAULT\*

OFFERING HYMN 686

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

HEATH

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
**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 and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come for all is ready, all are welcome to this table of grace and forgiveness. If you are communing from another location, hear these words spoken for you: "The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forever. Amen

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## SENDING HYMN 831

## *The God of Abraham Praise*

YIGDAL



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand  
3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—  
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!  
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Piano Song*

PAUL HALLEY\*

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** This morning's organ music continues to feature works by **Louis-Nicolas Clérambault** (1676 – 1749), from his first and second suites for organ, Opus 46 & 47, published in 1710. Organist at several Parisian churches including St. Sulpice (where generations later Marcel Dupré would be organist), Clérambault was renowned for his mastery of choral and instrumental writing.

The **Grand plein jeu** heard as the Call to Worship is played on the magnificent principal chorus of the Great division of the organ, with the bass line reinforced by the addition of the Pedal Trumpet. At the Offering, our organ's Clarinet assumes the role of its Baroque predecessor, the **Cromorne**, playing a solo in the bass range, against an accompaniment of flutes.

**Paul Halley** is an internationally renowned keyboardist, choral conductor and composer. He has been associated with Manhattan's Cathedral of Saint John the Divine and the Paul Winter Consort; his contributions to the Consort's famous *Missa Gaia* (*Earth Mass*) and other Consort projects have been awarded multiple Grammy awards.

## ON ZOOM

*Links are on the Faith Website: [www.faithseattle.org](http://www.faithseattle.org)*

### Morning Devos:

Mon-Fri. 7:00a

### Bible Study:

Wednesdays at 10:00a

### Yoga:

Tuesdays at 9:45a

Wednesdays at 5:30p

### Ruth Circle:

The 3rd Thursday at Noon

(Contact Donna Shy for link)

### Coffee Fellowship:

Fridays at 11:00a

### Scripture Passages for Bible Study on August 10

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

Luke 12:49-56

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