

Worship Script
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:15 AM

WELCOME AND GREETING

INVOCATION AND OPENING PRAYER

P: We come into the light of the Lord!

C: **Shine on us O Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

P: Oh Lord God of Heaven and Earth,

C: **We, Your children pray that You bless us and shine Your divine light of grace and peace upon our hearts. Remove worry and distractions from us. Lift up our heads to praise You. Prepare our minds to learn more about You. Fill our spirits with Your Spirit. We trust in Your promises, O Lord, our God, now and forever. Amen.**

OPENING SONG “Here I Am To Worship”

Light of the world,
You stepped down
into darkness,
Opened my eyes,
let me see;

Beauty that made
this heart adore You,
Hope of a life
spent with You.

Here I am to
worship,
here I am to bow
down,
Here I am to say that
You're my God;

You're altogether
lovely,
altogether worthy,
Altogether
wonderful to me.

King of all days,
O, so highly exalted,

Glorious in heaven
above;

Humbly You came
to the earth You
created,

All for love's sake
became poor.

Here I am to
worship,
here I am to bow
down,
Here I am to say that
You're my God;

You're altogether
lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful
to me.

I'll never know,
how much it cost
to see my sin
upon that cross;

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TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Our Lord loves us. He has brought us into His eternal family through Jesus, our Savior. He has given us all we need in this life and the next. We are dearly loved children of God, children of light, God's holy people! Yet we sin against our heavenly Father and against one another. We do not always live in love or live in purity. Yet our heavenly Father is merciful and His love is unending. He calls us to Himself today so that He can pour out His mercy and grace.

C: Loving God, have mercy on us. We are truly sorry for our sins and rebellion. Cleanse our hearts of sin and lift us up in faith, that we may do Your will and bless this world in your name. Amen.

P: In our Epistle reading today, the Apostle Paul reminds us, "for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." Your sins are forgiven for the sake of Christ who loves us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. You have been washed clean. Walk as children of light, love, purity and wisdom!

C: Amen!

SONG "We Are"

**Ev'ry secret,
ev'ry shame,
ev'ry fear, ev'ry pain**

**live inside the dark,
but that's not
who we are.
We are children
of the day.**

**So wake up, sleeper,
lift your head.
We were meant for
more than this.**

**Fight the shadows,
conquer death,
make the most of
the time we have left.**

**We are the light
of the world,
we are the
city on a hill.**

**We are the light
of the world,
and we gotta,
we gotta, we gotta
let the light shine.**

**We are the light
of the world,
we are the
city on a hill.**

**We are the light
of the world,
and we gotta,
we gotta, we gotta
let the light shine.**

**Let the light shine,
let the light shine.
Ooh.**

**We are called to
spread the news,
to tell the world
the simple truth.**

**Jesus came to save,
there's freedom
in His name,
so let His love
break through.**

**We are the light
of the world,
we are the
city on a hill.**

**We are the light
of the world,
and we gotta,**

**we gotta, we gotta
let the light shine.**

**We are the light
of the world,
we are the
city on a hill.**

**We are the light
of the world, and
we gotta, we gotta,
we gotta let the
light shine.**

**We are the light,
we the light,
we are the light,
so let your light
shine brighter.**

**We are the light,
we are the light,
we are the light.**

**Jesus, You are
the light,
You are the light,
You are the light.
We will lift You high
and shine, shine,
shine.**

**We are the light
of the world,
we are the**

city on a hill.

**We are the light
of the world,
and we gotta,
we gotta, we gotta
let the light shine.**

**We are the light
of the world,
we are the
city on a hill.**

**We are the light
of the world,
and we gotta,
we gotta, we gotta
let the light shine.**

**Let the light shine,
let the light shine.
Let the light shine,
let the light shine.**

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EPISTLE Ephesians 5:1-20 *(Be imitators of God)*

1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children **2** and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or lust, because these are improper for God's holy people. **4** Nor should there

be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. **5** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. **7** Therefore do not be partners with them.

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light **9** (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) **10** and find out what pleases the Lord. **11** Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. **12** It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. **13** But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. **14** This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, **16** making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, **20** always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 6:51-69 (*Words perceived by faith alone.*)

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” **52** Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” **53** Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. **55** For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. **56** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. **57** Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. **58** This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” **59** He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” **61** Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? **62** Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! **63** The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. **64** Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. **65** He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can

come to me unless the Father has enabled them.” **66** From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. **67** “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. **68** Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. **69** We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON “We Are Dearly Loved Children of God!” Ephesians 5:1-20
(Sermon outline on the back of today’s bulletin)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING *(As joyful givers, we clap for the offering)*

MUSICAL OFFERING “Live Like That”

**Sometimes I think,
“What will people
say of me
when I’m only
just a memory,**

**when I’m home where
my soul belongs?

Was I ‘love’ when no
one else would
show up?**

**Was I Jesus to the
least of us?
Was my worship more
than just a song?”**

I wanna live like that,
and give it all I have,
so that everything
I say and do
points to You.

If Love is who I am,
then this is
where I stand;
recklessly abandoned,
never holding back.

I wanna live like that,
yeah.
I wanna live like that.

Am I proof that You
are who You say
You are,

that grace can really
change a heart?
Do I live like Your
love is true?

People pass, and even
if they don't know

my name,

is there evidence that
I've been changed?
When they see me,
do they see You?

I wanna live like that,
and give it all I have,
so that everything
I say and do
points to You.

If Love is who I am,
then this is
where I stand;
recklessly abandoned,
never holding back.

I wanna live like that,
yeah.
I wanna live like that.

I wanna show the
world the love
You gave for me.

I'm longing for the
world to know
the glory of the King.

I wanna live like that,
and give it all I have,
so that everything I
say and do
points to You.

If Love is who I am,
then this is where
I stand;
recklessly abandoned,
never holding back.

I wanna live
like that, yeah.
I wanna live
like that, yeah.
I wanna live like that.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Cry of My Heart"

It is the cry
of my heart
to follow You.
It is the cry
of my heart
to be close to You.

It is the cry of my
heart to follow
All of the days

of my life.

It is the cry of my
heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my
heart to be
close to You.

It is the cry of my
heart to follow

All of the days
of my life.

Teach me Your holy
ways, O Lord,
So I can walk
in Your truth.

Teach me Your holy
ways, O Lord,

**And make me
wholly devoted
to You.**

**It is the cry of my
heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my
heart to be
close to You.**

**It is the cry of my
heart to follow
All of the days
of my life.**

**Open my eyes
so I can see
The wonderful
things that You do.**

**Open my heart up
more and more
and make it wholly
devoted to You.**

**It is the cry of my
heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my
heart to be
close to You.**

**It is the cry of my
heart to follow
All of the days
of my life.**

**It is the cry of my
heart to follow You.
It is the cry of my
heart to be
close to You.**

**It is the cry of my
heart to follow
All of the days
of my life.**

**All of the days
of my life,
All of the days
of my life.**

**All of the days
of my life,
All of the days
of my life.**

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