

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2022
Service of Word
Labor Day Sunday

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP ¹ (Based on Psalm 124)

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: *Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!*

Pastor: Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.

All: *We come with songs of praise, with prayers too deep for words.*

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: *Blessed be the Lord!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: *Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.*

HYMN

*Rock of Ages*²

Hymnal, #217

PRAYER OF YEARNING ³

Pastor: *Rock of ages, be our fortress and our shelter in troubled times. Be our strength and our courage when we are afraid. Be our grace and our forgiveness when we fall short. Be our inspiration and our guide when we strive to serve you and your world fully. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Our help is in God, the maker of heaven and earth.

God is our rock, a fortress of mercy and grace.

All: *Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: We are the body of Christ, a community of differing gifts. Each of us is called to give ourselves fully to God and to one another. As we share signs of peace today, remember our connection in call and service to lift and encourage one another.

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

¹ The Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation was accessed on August 22, 2022 from the online resource called, *re:Worship*. It was adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009, © 2008 Abingdon Press.

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/09/call-to-worship-prayer-proper-21-b.html>.

² Toplady, Augustus and Thomas Hastings. Words and Music, Public Domain. CCLI #40588

³ Prayer of Yearning, Words of Assurance, and Benediction was accessed on August 23, 2022 from *2023 Abingdon Worship Annual* for "August 27, 2023: the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16."

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11312/august-27-2023-thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-16>.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God⁴

Hymnal, #281

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 1 – 2 (From “The Story: Selections from the NIV)

EPISTLE READING – Romans 12:1-8

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON

“25 Cents Worth”

Rev. Laura Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mr. Cody Eckenrode

OFFERING INVITATION & ACTIVITY

OFFERING PRAYER⁵

Liturgist: Lord, bless each one of your disciples who have shared their special gift.

All people: Please be with us as we learn to share our gifts for your glory.

Liturgist: We gather these cards, symbols of our community of faith, and place them on the altar.

All people: Lord, help us to give and receive the gifts from each other.

Help us to go into your world sharing our gifts humbly.

Amen.

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let it Be⁶

Hymnal, #253

BENEDICTION

Pastor: My friends, we are the body of Christ,
built on the foundation of God’s grace.
Go now to love and serve
in your unique and individual ways.
As people connected in call and in love,
give yourselves fully to God and God’s world.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

⁴ Luther, Martin and Frederick Henry Hedge. Words and Music, Public Domain. CCLI #42964.

⁵ Townley, Nancy C. The Offering Invitation & Prayer were accessed on August 24, 2022 on Worship Connection: August 23, 2020. <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8361/worship-connection-august-23-2020>.

⁶ Havergal, Frances and John B. Dykes. Words and Music, Public Domain. CCLI #757187