



*A Service for the Worship of God*  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR AT HOME WORSHIP

*Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.*

**Prelude**

*Jim Pera*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Josh Sweeney*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Jason Schenck*

**\*Call to Worship**

*One: God's love was revealed among us in this way:*

**All God sent the Son of God into the world so that we might live through him.**

*One: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,*

**All: Glory as of a parent's only son, full of grace and truth.**

*One: Praise the Lord!*

**All: The Lord's name be praised.**

**\*Hymn # 33**

“Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show”

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we acknowledge your presence here among us, as we gather to worship you, but also wherever we may be. We often forget that you are there, too, calling us forth, leading us, and refusing to be contained within the walls of our churches and other safe places. Forgive us when we fail to follow and serve you wherever we are, and make us aware of your movement among us, as you attempt to use us to make you and your will known to the world.

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession) Amen.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*One: No matter who we are or how lost we might feel,  
God can transform each of us into the people we were meant to be.*

**All: Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one;  
longing to serve, we are sent forth.**

*One: Friends, hear the Good News!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to a new way of living.*

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Response**      *Sung to the tune of Hymn # 15, "All Creatures of Our God and King"*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## \*Passing of the Peace

*One: The Peace of Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

*Jason Schenck*

## Scripture Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

## Children's Message

*Rev. Dr. Jim Graham*

## Anthem

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*arr. Molly Ijames*

## Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

*Rev. Dr. Jim Graham*

## Sermon

"**God Art in Us**"

*Rev. Dr. Jim Graham*

## \*Hymn # 409

"God Is Here"

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      *Adapted from A Brief Confession of Faith of the PC(USA)*

**In life and death, we belong to God. We trust in one God, the Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the powers of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and sets us free to accept ourselves, and to love God and neighbor. In gratitude to God 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!**

**\*Presentation of Offerings**

*Those who are worshipping in the Sanctuary are invited to leave an offering either in the offering container in the narthex or in the offering box in front of the left front pew.*

*If you would like to give online, please go to [www.sminster.com/give](http://www.sminster.com/give) where you can give once or set-up a reoccurring monthly offering to the church. You also can mail your offering to the church or drop it off in the office.*

**\*Presentation Hymn # 607**

“Doxology”

*Inclusive Version*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns**

*Rev. Dr. Jim Graham*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

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.

**\*Hymn # 295**

“Go to the World”

**\*Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Jim Graham*

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

*Jim Pera*