

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(11:00am – Jerry Gatch/Lessie Polk)

8:30AM AND 11:00AM

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

***RINGING OF THE BELL**

***GATHERING**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (UMH #257) *We Meet You, O Christ* C.F. Shalk

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #600** *Wonderful Words of Life*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively):

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that the distractions and busyness of our lives make it difficult to listen deeply to Your voice.

P: TRANSFORM OUR PRIORITIES SO THAT WE MAKE SPACE IN OUR LIVES TO BE QUIET AND LISTEN TO YOU.

L: Jesus, Seeker of the lost, we confess to becoming so shaped by the values of this age that Your call on our lives is increasingly hard to hear.

P: TRANSFORM OUR VALUES SO THAT THEY ARE SHAPED BY YOUR CONCERN FOR THE UNLOVED AND UNLOVELY, AND FOR THE WEAK AND POWERLESS IN OUR SOCIETY.

L: Jesus, Friend of the poor, we confess that too often our mission and outreach planning is weighed against a worldly priority like ... economic viability.

P: TRANSFORM OUR THINKING, SO THAT WE RISK BELIEVING THAT ALL THINGS ARE HELD TOGETHER NOT BY THE BOTTOM FINANCIAL LINE, BUT BY YOU.

L: Jesus, Bearer of reconciliation, we confess that all too often in our faith communities, we harbor thoughts which estrange us from others and make us hostile toward each other.

P: TRANSFORM OUR HEARTS, SO THAT WE ARE FILLED WITH THE DESIRE TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER AND TO MAKE PEACE.

L: Jesus, Source of our faith, we confess that we forget all too quickly the words that we say, and pray, and sing, in our time of worship.

P: TRANSFORM OUR LIVES, SO THAT WE REMAIN CONNECTED TO YOU AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES. THESE THINGS WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS. AMEN.

ANTHEM *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* B. F. White
(8:30am – Lessie Polk)

Special Music

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

Heather Connor/Video

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 13:1-9/NIV

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Celebration Summer, 2021:*
Celebrating Our Mission – Personal and Communal

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

***HYMN OF PRAISE #593**

Here I Am, Lord

OFFERTORY (UMH #113)

God's Names

C. Doran

***THE DOXOLOGY #95**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

***CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE #571**

Go, Make of All Disciples

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE (UMH #441)**

What Does the Lord Require

E. Routley

**Please stand if you are able*