

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus Puts Possessions in their Proper Perspective

Welcome

Preparatory Interlude

“Revelation Song”

Call to Worship

Heavenly Father, let Your continual grace and mercy cleanse and defend Your church. We can only continue in safety with Your divine aid and protection. Lead, guide and direct our life in You by the word of our Lord Jesus, and the power of Your indwelling Spirit. Defend us, Triune God, for You alone are our sword and shield. We ask this in Your holy name. AMEN.

Invocation

*Traditional Hymn

“This is My Father’s World”

***Confession** – Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1John 1:9)

***Psalter**

(from Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endures forever.

Let those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim,
That He redeemed them from the hand of the foe;
He gathered them out of the lands,
From the east and west, from the north and south.
They were hungry and thirsty;

Their spirits languished within them.
They cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them from their distress.

For He satisfies the thirsty,
And fills the hungry with good things.
Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
And consider well the mercies of the Lord.

*Gloria Patri

***Affirmation of Faith** - I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Offertory Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

*Doxology

Scripture Lessons

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

“Possessed by Possessions”

Communion Invitation

We remember in this holy season that God sent his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us salvation and eternal life. We give thanks for this Holy Communion given to us as a continual reminder of his love for us. As Jesus turned no one away, neither do we deny the bread and cup to anyone. We ask only that you confess your sins to God and receive his forgiveness before you partake.

Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to you: things we have and have not done. Our sins have caused separation between us. Save us, Lord! Forgive us, and take away our sins. Heal our hearts and relationships. In your great mercy fill us with your Spirit that we might see our deep need of Jesus' saving power.

Prayer of Consecration

On the night on which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you." When the supper had ended, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood, which seals God's promise, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to that day foretold by prophets and apostles, when he comes in final victory. Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in this holy sharing we may know the presence of Jesus, who gave his body and blood for us all.

Congregational Response

We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who has come, and who will come again in final victory. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Father, forever and ever. Amen!

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

*Modern Worship Song

"What I've Got"

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as able

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