

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Pulpit:

8/18: Lori Kangas Olson. 8/25:

Labor Day Sunday, September 1: Joint service and luncheon at Zion. Lori Kangas Olson from our congregation will preach. Please sign up at INFORMATION CENTRAL.

Coffee & Conversation servers are needed. Please sign up at Information Central.

Flower Power: Please sign up

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Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Order of Worship
August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

God's Time Is The Best

J. S. Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Sheetz

THE WAVE OF PEACE

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Come, O Children, listen to me;
I will teach you deep respect for God.

**Which of you desires life
and longs for many days to enjoy good?**

Depart from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

Revere God, O holy ones,

for those who live in awe of God have no want.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

***HYMN #839**

Blessed Assurance

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods”— the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE: *Jesus, Remember Me*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel—God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice—seeking love will let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own. Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI #581

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Proverbs 9: 1-6, Ephesians 5: 15-20

MESSAGE

Lori Kangas Olson

***HYMN #373**

O Day of Peace

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Colossians 1: 15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)
Offering Invitation**

Offertory

Aria con varazione

Martini

***Doxology #606**

***HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

BENEDICTION

May the Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds and the knowledge and love of God, and may our parent God, the Christos Son, and the Holy Spirit remain with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B flat major

J. S. Bach