

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: We are the Body of Christ, and Christ beckons us come to his open arms, and we will receive Fellowship, Joy, Blessedness and Peace.

Congregation: **Alleluia!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Wasserklavier" Luciano Berio

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
God covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth,
and makes grass grow on the hills.
For the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

HYMN 327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose. May we, who cannot exist without you, be enabled to live according to your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

A READING FROM THE STORY OF ELIJAH

I Kings 18: 41-46

Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of rushing rain." So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; there he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees. He said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." He went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." Then he said, "Go again seven times." At the seventh time he said, "Look, a little cloud no bigger than a person's hand is rising out of the sea." Then he said, "Go say to Ahab, 'Harness your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'" In a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind; there was a heavy rain. Ahab rode off and went to Jezreel. But the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; he girded up his loins and ran in front of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 48 "Rain Down"

SERMON *The Drought: A Little Cloud*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Raindrop" Prelude in D flat Major, Op. 28 No. 15 F. Chopin

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.

Congregation: **Through your goodness we have good gifts to share.**

Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.

Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**

All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

HYMN 22 "God of the Sparrow"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lasst uns erfreuen" Christa Rakich

Please remain seated so that all worshippers, in the sanctuary and online, may enjoy the blessing of the music.

UPCOMING SERMON TITLE & SCRIPTURES

Sunday, August 29

14th Sunday after Pentecost

I Kings 19: 1-15

"The Drought: The Aftermath"