



“So Sarah laughed to herself, saying ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’”

Genesis 18:12

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 116

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all of God's bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: I will honor my vows in the presence of God's people.

**People: I will offer thanksgiving in the house of the Lord,
and praise God's holy name.**

HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Charles Dickerson

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Most loving God, we confess that we often close ourselves off from your saving love. In our pride we withhold your forgiveness from ourselves and others. At times we deny our need for healing. Forgive us. Open our hearts to feel the broken places in our lives, and to see the hurts of others. Fill us with gratitude for your grace, so that our lives may overflow with love. This we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Zoe Peterson

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“Look How Far Our Hearts Have Come”

3rd service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Sarah laughs

Zoe Peterson

SERMON

“Comic Timing”

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

“God of Love and God of Power”

Charles Dickerson

**God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.**

**God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
Offering lives if it’s thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

“I See Us Out There”

3rd service ensemble

3rd service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals
Teresa James – piano/flute/vocals
Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals
Zach Provost – piano/vocals
Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals
Jack Sollecito – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Megan Pelc, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director
Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
John Fitzgerald, Treasurer
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.
Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.
Miguel Portillo, Custodian