

Order of Worship for September 12, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Dave Moore
Lead Pastor

The FEED

**A Moment of Silence in Remembrance of the Loss,
the Destruction, and the Sacrifices made on 9/11/2001**

Prayer of Preparation

God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work that you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Prelude

“Carillon (Op. 10, No. 10)”
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

Massenet

Praising

***Prayer of Invocation**

Don Guenther

***Call to Worship**

based on Exodus 20:1-2

Leader: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

People: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Leader: As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord,

People: Who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.

***Hymn No. 43**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

CWM RHONDDA

(from *Lift Up Your Hearts*)

** Please stand, in body or in spirit!*

Confessing

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Mighty and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

Leader: Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

People: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

A Word about Stewardship

Musical Meditation

“Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart”
Chancel Choir

Martin and Nix

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Lean not unto your own understanding,
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
With all your strength, with all your might;
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*

*O trust in God all the days of your life.
Delight yourself in all His ways.
Trust in His mercy. Rest in His grace.
Make your life a sacrifice of praise!*

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Lean not unto your own understanding,
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
With all your strength, with all your might;
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
With all your life, trust in the Lord!*

Proclaiming

*Scripture Reading

Acts 18:1-11

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

*Scripture Response

from Isaiah 40:8

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Series: The Book of Acts

Message: "Opportunity, Opposition, and Threat"

Rev. Moore

Responding

*Hymn No. 578

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending

***Hymn No. 78**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

***Benediction**

Rev. Moore

Postlude

“Prelude-Theme-Fugue on ST. ANNE”
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

Diggle

Bonhomme Mission Partners:

International:

Comfort Foundation – Russia
El Centro Integral – Honduras
Todd and Julie Hendry
– Croatia, Brazil (Avant)
Daniel and Sarah Puttcamp
– Costa Rica
(Global Outreach)
Ron and Lisa Redell
– Macedonia (SEND Int'l)

Local:

The Freedom School
(Restore STL)
The Haven of Grace
Inside Out Prison Ministry
(Restore STL)
Isaiah 58
Oasis International Ministries
Restore St. Louis

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Acts 18:8