



Our Vision

*is to be Christ to each other and our
community – doing justice, loving mercy
and walking humbly with our God.*

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord's Day

August 16, 2020

The Ministry of Music

Robert Lowry
arr. Don Phillips

Shall We Gather at the River
Rebecca Turner, piano

As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.

The Passing of the Peace

The Hymn of Praise

BUNESSAN

Baptized in Water

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our king;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our king;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our king;
born of one father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Hebrew Bible Lesson

Jon Barker

Isaiah 42:1-9; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Children's Lesson

Penny Ginn

The Gospel Reading

Matt Johnson

Matthew 3:13-17; NRSV

One: The Good News offered for all.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Matt Johnson

A Child of God

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop in my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

4. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the kindling of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar and thy love the flame.

The Offertory Prayer

Jon Barker

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

Robert Lowry
adapted by Aaron Copland

At the River

Stafford Turner, bass; Rebecca Turner, piano

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

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.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Frederick C. Atkinson
arr. Victor Labenske

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Rebecca Turner, piano

As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.

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Bible Study every Wednesday Night at 6:00pm

Sunday School Time

every Sunday at 10am online

Sunday Morning Worship Time

every Sunday at 11am online

All videos will be on our website (www.fernwoodchurch.org) and on our Facebook page.

CHURCH CONFERENCE VOTING DEADLINES

New Member Affirmation Voting Information

Please follow the link and indicate your decision. This ballot of affirmation will be open until **August 18**. Thank you for your quick response. [Voting Form https://forms.gle/bmZHBbWBHneYHPLn9](https://forms.gle/bmZHBbWBHneYHPLn9)

Constitution & Church Procedures/Officers and Teachers for 2020-2021

Please follow the link and indicate your decision. This ballot to affirm these changes will be open until **August 20**. [Ballot https://forms.gle/PA7jqaq1n2DWiZpo6](https://forms.gle/PA7jqaq1n2DWiZpo6)

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