

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PUBLIC WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

Rev. Glenn Zuber, Interim Pastor
Gregory Fraser, Music Director

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: *Moment Musicaux 1* (Schubert)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - *Please sign friendship pad*

INTROIT: *Father and Redeemer Hear* (Strattner)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**) *(Please stand)*

(L) Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

(P) and let us observe it to the end.

(L) Give us understanding, that we may keep your law,

(P) and observe it with our whole hearts.

(L) Turn our hearts to your decrees,

(P) and not to selfish gain.

(L) Turn our eyes from looking at vanities;

(P) give us life in your ways.

(L) Confirm to your servants your promise,

(P) and let us worship you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(If children are present)*

HYMN: #371 *(Please stand)* "Lift High the Cross" *(Please be seated)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, forgive us when we forego peace for easy resolution; when we trade justice for convenience; when we doubt whether you are real enough, whether we are good enough, whether your love is strong enough to overcome the destructive powers of our world. Forgive us, O God, and move us to know your transformative grace. SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF PRAISE: *(Please stand)* "**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; (2x) Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**" *(Please be seated)*

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

Gregory Fraser

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 32:22-31 (Pew Bible page 30)

Rev. Glenn Zuber

Wrestling with a stranger at night, Jacob seeks God's blessing..

ANTHEM: "O God Beyond All Praising"

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:1-8 (Pew Bible page 81)

Rev. Glenn Zuber

The widow and the unjust judge: pray always and do not lose heart.

SERMON: *Wrestling with God, Wrestling for Justice*

Rev. Glenn Zuber

HYMN: #333 *(Please stand)* "Seek Ye First" *(Please remain standing)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Adapted from the Confession of 1967"

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in the every kind of need. Amen. (You may be seated)

THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF DEDICATION: *(Please stand)* "Doxology"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Amen. (Please remain standing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

You may be seated and remain seated for the remainder of the service.

THE SENDING

HYMN: #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Ballet* from Rosamunde (Schubert)

Gregory Fraser

