

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B August 15, 2021
INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

This isn't just about being thankful for food and plentiful harvests.
It is about finding blessings in everyday living.

***SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 5:15-20**

*** OPENING HYMN: #140..... Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God invites us to journey into our destiny!

People: We're moving! God is our guide!

Leader: Can you sense it? God is moving us to unexpected greatness!

**People: We are here to move God with our praise! Let the
praise begin!**

All: THANK YOU FOR CALLING US

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

Gracious God, for the many members one body, several pieces, one puzzle, and various flavors yet all ice cream, we give thanks! We give thanks for the diversity, intricacy, and beauty we find in the people of God. The breadth and depth of the church is truly amazing.

Thank you for calling: the teachers, the doctors, the organized fanatics, the preachers, the musicians, the big-picture thinkers, and the detail people. The laity and the ordained, the worker-bees and the speakers, and the writers.

I'm thankful that God called: the servants, the artists, the advocates, the prophets, and prophetic listeners, the young, the 'a little bit older,' the dreamers, the evangelists, and the justice seekers.

Thank you for calling out to Abraham, Moses, Esther, the prophets, the kings, a young virgin, and the Twelve to follow by faith and for continuing to call all people.

Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

#73 O Worship the King

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)**

Leader: Give thanks to God!

**People: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings
of every kind.**

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

**People: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles,
for solitude, for fears.**

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain,
our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and
hands.**

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #395
Take Time to Be Holy**

***SCRIPTURE READING: John 6:51-58**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "Giving Thanks" Mrs. Janice Cooper

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #84 Thank You, Lord
CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns**

Let us pray: The Lord's Prayer

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*** CLOSING HYMN: #666..... Shalom to You**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:5-20 (NKJV)

¹⁵ See then that you walk ⁱⁿcircumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

2nd Scripture Reading: John 6:51-58 (NKJV)

⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

⁵² The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us *His* flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is ⁱⁿfood indeed, and My blood is ⁱⁿdrink indeed. ⁵⁶ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

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