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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Faith That Works

The Good Life

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30

AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (played by Denny Daugherty)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Our good works are done with gentleness.

P: Bitterness only leads to anguish.

L: God seeks peace and hope for all God's people.

P: But if our hearts are filled with anger, we reject God's mercy.

L: Open our hearts, O Lord, and help us to listen.

P: Open our lives, O Lord, and prepare us to serve. Amen.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 1** (black hymnal)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2030 (FWS)

The First Song of Isaiah

ALL SING: Surely it is God who saves me. I will trust in Him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Bowen James Lebo

Parents: Chelsea and Shaun Lebo

Siblings: Jace and Paxton Lebo

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 325**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

SCRIPTURE

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 459 (black hymnal)

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Lead Me, Guide Me* by Doris/Akers

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY (played by Denny Daugherty)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2227 (FWS, see p. 4) *We Are the Body of Christ*

ALL SING: One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ. One goal, one vision: to see you exalted. We are the body of Christ. And to this we give our lives to see you glorified. One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: to see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 286** (black hymnal)

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** (played by Denny Daugherty)

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We Are The Body Of Christ

Words and Music by
Scott Wesley Brown
and David Hampton

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CHORUS

G²

D²/F[#]

C/E



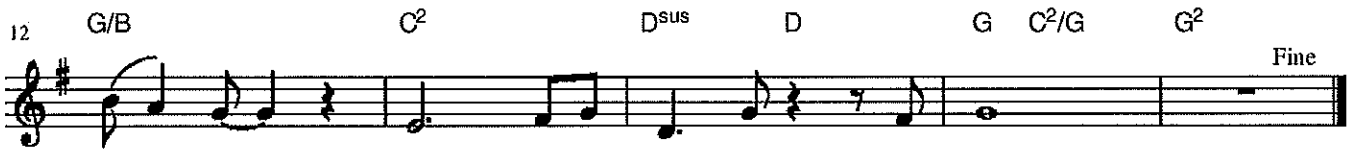
One heart, one spir - it, one voice _____ to



praise - You, - we are the bod - y of Christ;



One goal, one vi - sion to see You - ex -



-alt - ed, - we are the bod - y of Christ. Fine

VERSE



And to this we _____ give our lives to



see You glo - ri - fied. _____ D.S. al Fine
One

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NOTES

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor and appreciation of all the work my wife has done in the last year by Al Fauth.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our 60th wedding anniversary by Al & Anna Fauth.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Austin Allison's birthday, love Mom and Dad (Rick & Tama).

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as a guest pianist today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Connie Wolfe

8 AM Welcome Team: Joan Masimore, Tim Snyder, Cindy Hogentogler, & Connie Wolfe

8 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

8 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Bill & Bonnie Murphy; Nancy & Jeff Sleeper

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Guy Wenck

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Robin Schriver & Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Brigitte & David Bradnick

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3077/worship-connection-september-20-2015>

²<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3076/worship-elements-september-20-2015>

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1

Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. I:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

325

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in
 Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D Last time, end

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.

("SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS". . .CONTINUED)

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waikeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
 James K. Manley, 1978
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993