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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

***Laws of Love: The Commandments for Today***

***The Law of Commitment***

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*He's Always Been Faithful*

by Groves

**OPENING LITANY: PSALM 85<sup>1</sup>**

L: Lord, you were favorable to your land. You restored our fortunes.

**P: You forgave the iniquity of your people. You pardoned all our sin.**

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation.**

L: Will you not revive us again, so we may rejoice in you?

**P: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord. Grant us your salvation.**

L: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**P: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet. Righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground. Righteousness will look down from the sky.

**P: The Lord will give what is good. Our land will yield its increase.**

**Righteousness will go before him and make a path for his steps.**

**OPENING HYMN NO. 2158** (FWS, see p. 3)

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Forgive us, O God—cleanse our hearts and minds of all that prevents us from loving you, loving our families, and loving our neighbor. May our lives be marked by faith active in love as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2036** (black hymnal, see p. 4)

*Give Thanks*

**ALL SING:** Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

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

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 292** (black hymnal, see p. 4)

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Caitlin Damon)

*Draw Me Close* by Carpenter

**SCRIPTURE**

*Exodus 20: 14*

*John 8: 1-11*

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 205** (red hymnal, see p. 5)

*O Master Let Me Walk With Thee*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Classical Postlude*

by Haydyn

Thank you to Caitlin Damon for providing special music at both services today! Thank you to Mike Gibbs for serving on the praise team. Thank you to Jack Herlocker, Elaine Bevivino, & Ron Miles for serving on the tech teams this morning. Thank you to Kathy Ensminger, the Dallam family, Barb Stebbins, Tammy Gordon, Elaine Bevivino, & Tori Everhart for serving on the welcome teams this morning!

<sup>1</sup> The Opening Litany was written by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. Posted on A Psalm and a Prayer.

<http://apsalmandaprayer.com/> It was accessed as re-posted on Re:Worship: on August 9, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> The Confession was adapted from Moira Laidlaw and posted on Liturgies Online.

<http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/> and accessed on August 9, 2021.

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## Just a Closer Walk with Thee

**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in a 4/4 time signature with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of five systems of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: 1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus keep me from all  
2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who  
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no  
4 wrong; cares? more; I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I  
Who guide with me my bur-den shares? None but  
me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy  
7 walk, let me walk close to thee. Just a clos-er walk with thee,  
thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
11 grant it, Je-sus be my plea, dai - ly walk-ing close to thee: Let it  
15 be, dear Lord, let it be.

# Give Thanks

*Piano*  $\text{♩} = 80$

Give thanks with a great - ful heart, give thanks to the

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Ho - ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je - sus Christ his

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Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am

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rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

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# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Piano*  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a -  
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is  
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de -  
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er

6  
- new That I may love the way you love and  
 pure, Un - til with you I will one will, to  
 - sire: That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may  
 die, But live with you the per - fect life of

11  
do what you would do.  
 do and to en - dure.  
 glow with ho - ly fire.  
 your e - ter - ni - ty.

# O Master Let Me Walk with Thee Full

♩ = 80

Piano

1. O Mas - ter let me walk with Thee in low - ly  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee in clos - er  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

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paths of serv - ice free; Tell me Thy se - cret help me  
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward feet to  
 dear - er com - pan - y, in work that keeps faith sweet and  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly Thou canst

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bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 stay, and in guide them in the home - ward way.  
 strong, in with trust that O Mas - ter, let me wrong.  
 give, with Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.