

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, September 1, 2019

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LABOR DAY

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Song “Open the Eyes of My Heart” #452

**Passing of the Peace* The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

**Call to Worship* (based on Psalm 148:1-5)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
and praise Him from the heights.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord all Her angels;
and praise Her all the heavenly host.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
and praise Him all the shining stars.

Let them all praise the name of the living Lord.

**Hymn* “Let All Things Now Living” #37

Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 81:11-14)

O Holy and Strong God, why is that I shy away from your voice? Why do I hear you, yet ignore you? I hear your call, but I do not submit. Is that why you have given me over to my own stubborn heart? I think that if I follow my own counsel everything will turn out great and wonderful. Instead, I get lost in my own pathways, my own needs, my own sins. Please, O God, hear my confession and subdue the sin that lies within me. Hear me as I silently confess to you now...

Assurance of Pardon & Hope

Be assured, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response** “God of Great and God of Small”

#19

THE WORD

Children’s Message

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

“The God-Given Task”

Romans 13:1-7

“Be Subject to Authorities”

Sermon

Rev. Robert Drake

WE RESPOND

Offering

(place prayer slips in plate to be read during prayer)

Offertory

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

COMMUNION

FPCM celebrates an open Communion

“All who have faith in Jesus Christ are welcome at this table.”

[Please open your hymnals to #392]

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the person who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Congregation sings verse 1

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Congregation sings verse 2

Lord's Prayer (by Pastor only)

Congregation sings verse 3

Words of Institution

Congregation sings verse 4

SENDING OUT

**Hymn* "Lead Me, Guide Me"

#740

**Benediction*