



THE BREAD OF

Life

First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul

TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2015

10:00 a.m.

**please stand in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

“Come to the Table”

arr. Childs, Evanovich

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katie Estes

CENTERING SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the company of those who do right, in the congregation.

**The works of the Lord are magnificent;
they are treasured by all who desire them.**

God’s deeds are majestic and glorious.

God’s righteousness stands forever.

God gives food to those who honor God.

God remembers the covenant forever.

Fear of the Lord is where wisdom begins;

Sure knowledge is for all who keep God’s laws.

God’s praise will last forever!

*HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymnal # 475

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Tom Watson

God of all wisdom, we confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all the knowledge we need. As we go from place to place, we try to block you out. Even though we say we want to hear your word and follow your will, we fail to see that we are always in your presence. We stray, seeking other gods whose ways may be easy but who cannot show us the way of truth and love. We are afraid of being fed with the living bread, afraid it might obligate us to something. Forgive us and feed us, fill us with courage and hope, that we might live each day according to your plan for us and for your world. We ask it in the name of the Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

In God’s wisdom and compassion, we receive grace
that we might live anew, unburdened by the obstacles of the past.

We give thanks to God who lifts us up with the gift of forgiveness.

Let us feast on the living bread, given to us this day and every day!

***RESPONSE**

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”
(v. 1 only)

Hymnal # 436

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

MaryAnn Cheyne

Bread of heaven, cup of eternal life, lead us to your Word today and feed us forever, that our lives may become hymns of thanksgiving to our Creator and may lead others to love and serve in your name. Amen.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5: 15-20

N.T. p. 194

SOLO

“God Help the Outcasts”

Menken

Katie Ross

I don't know if You can hear me or if You're even there

I don't know if You will listen to a humble prayer

They tell me I am just an outcast I shouldn't speak to You

Still, I see your face and wonder were You once an outcast, too?

God help the outcasts hungry from birth show them the mercy they don't find on earth

The lost and forgotten they look to You still God help the outcasts or nobody will

I ask for nothing I can get by but I know so many less lucky than I

God help the outcasts the poor and down trod I thought we all were the children of God

I don't know if there's a reason why some are blessed, some not

Why the few You seem to favor they fear us flee us try not to see us

God help the outcasts the tattered, the torn seeking an answer to why they were born

Winds of misfortune have blown them about You made the outcasts don't cast them out

The poor and unlucky the weak and the odd I thought we all were the children of God

GOSPEL

John 6: 51-58

N.T. p. 98

SERMON

Are We What We Eat?

Katie Estes

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERTORY DUET

“When You Believe”

arr. Schwartz

Chris Ross, Steffi Ross

Chorus:

There can be miracles when you believe

Though hope is frail its hard to kill

Who knows what miracles you can achieve

When you believe somehow you will

You will when you believe.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Am the Bread of Life"
(verses solo, refrain all)

Hymnal # 522

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

*(Demonstrating our individual commitment to Christ, please eat the bread when you receive it.
Demonstrating our unity in Christ, please hold the cup until all have been served,
when we commune together.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

O God, through this bread and cup, you have made us one with you and with one another. May the unity we find at this table be the gift that we carry into your suffering, divided world. Help us to remember that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

*HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
(vs. 1-2)

Hymnal # 645

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
(v. 4)

Hymnal # 645

*POSTLUDE

"Come Thou Fount"

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SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Linda Kachelmeier, Nancy Lindberg

Ushers: Tara Bray, Laura Doty, Paulette Nitz

Acolyte: DeShawn Estes Collins

Lector: MaryAnn Cheyne

Communion Servers: Rex Boutelle,
Tom Brazill, Gene Demko, Bill Francomb,
Jody Glowaski, Syd Lee, Joe Rasmusson,
Don Robinson

Coffee Servers: Pat Angell & Karen Brill

The flowers on the chancel this morning are provided by the Watson family, in memory of Roy Watson

Music Director: Linda Kachelmeier

Organist: Jen Bierlein

Pastors: Katie Estes, Tom Watson

Youth Coordinator: Ruth Buller

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul. We are delighted that you have joined us to worship the Living God. **If you are a first time worship guest**, we extend a special welcome to you. Know that as our guest, you are invited to participate in any of the programs offered and we do not expect you to contribute when the offering is received. Today, your presence with us is your offering to God.

Photos and/or video may be taken during this worship service. FPC-SSP reserves the right to use said photos or video in church publications, including, but not limited to, bulletins, newsletters, the church website, and social media sites. If you prefer not to appear in these photos or video, please talk to one of the ushers.

If you have a prayer request, please use the yellow request cards in the pews. Give the card to an usher before worship or during the first hymn so it can be included in our prayers of the people today and passed on to the prayer chain as well.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We also have professional childcare available for infants and children up to 5 years. The nursery is located at the top of the stairs in the upper level of the Education wing and is always available on those days your child may be restless. If you have an infant who begins to cry during the service, feel free to go into the library with your child and continue to hear the service on the speaker.

Please join us after the worship service for a time of fellowship in the Commons. Coffee, juice and treats are available for a minimal charge for members and at no cost for guests. Come and connect with old and new friends as we enjoy fellowship together.

On The Calendar

Today, Sunday, August 16

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
- 1:15 p.m. Timber Hills Worship

Monday, August 17

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 18

- 6:00 p.m. Joint Elder & Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 20

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group
- 6:30 p.m. Finance

Friday, August 21

- 7:00 p.m. Youth Drive In & Lock In
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, August 23

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship Celebration
- 11:00 a.m. Picnic & Auction

Next Sunday, August 23

Scripture: John 6: 56-69

Theme: Summer Outdoor Worship Celebration

Music: Peter Buller, guitar

Adult Ed: “Senior High Mission Trip” with Senior High Youth



Announcements

Following worship today, and every Sunday, you can find fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables from our Community Garden in the South Commons. Go ahead, take what you need and pay a free-will donation—our goal is to make sure that everyone has access to fresh fruits and veggies.

Eleta will be out of the office all this week. Gracious volunteers will be staffing the office while she is away. Eleta will return on Monday, August 24.

Joint Elder & Deacon Meeting: This Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. All current elders and deacons are strongly encouraged to attend the annual joint meeting. We'll start off at church with the meeting, grilling and sharing in a potluck meal. Following the meeting and meal, we'll head to Eagan to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children from 8—9:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck.

Do you have photos from the Mission trips, Camp in a Van or Clearwater Forest this year? Please email them to Ruth Buller (buller.ruth@gmail.com), for use in a slide show for next Sunday's celebration.

A quick reminder...when doing your back-to-school shopping, can we count on you to pick up an extra pair of socks or undies for those who may not have something new to wear to the first day of school? Remember how you felt when you had something new to wear? Place them in the basket in the Commons, all these gifts will go to Neighbors. Thanks!

All Youth Drive in & Lock in: Confirmation and Senior High youth are all invited to celebrate the end of summer (before the State Fair starts!) with a trip to Vali-Hi drive in theater in Lake Elmo followed by a lock in at church on Friday, August 21. We will gather at church at 7:00 pm, see a movie or two at Vali-Hi, then come back to church for games, treats and fun all night. Pick up is at 7:00 am. Saturday. Please bring a snack to share and whatever you need for overnight.

Thirteen members and friends of FPC-SSP met at Feed My Starving Children last Monday evening. FMSC hopes for 1 box per volunteer, but along with the other volunteers there, 29 of us filled 41 boxes! This is a whopping 8,856 meals. We also learned that FMSC will maintain a reserve pallet or two so that they may respond quickly to a major catastrophe when it happens. Watch for the September afternoon date when we will again be going to Eagan;s FMSC. And a BIG THANKS to all who were present last Monday!

Don't forget that our church directory is one that can always be updated. As soon as we make the change, to either your contact information or your photo, the rest of the congregation is updated. *Don't have access to the directory?* You can download the “Instant Church Directory” app to your tablet or smartphone, or on your computer through www.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the directions for church members. *Don't have a computer, tablet or smartphone?* We'll be happy to print out an updated copy of the directory for you. Contact Eleta if you have any questions.