



August 11, 2024
 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER
CENTERING

Jane Rall, Liturgist

PRELUDE

Jesus Call Us

Composer: William Herbert Jude, 1851-1922; Setting: Emma Lou Diemer, b. 1927
 Music in The AGO 90th -Anniversary Anthology of American Organ Music, 1988; Edit: Philip Brunelle.
 Publisher: Oxford University Press, New York and Oxford
 Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WELCOME

Tamara James-Fish, Congregational Care Minister

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane Rall, Liturgist

ONE:	In deep gratitude we come to worship God.
ALL:	We recognize God as the source of all goodness.
ONE:	All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:
ALL:	Perceiving good and evil, Serving with a joyful heart, Teaching from God’s word, Encouraging the saints, Generously sharing from our own abundance, Mercifully responding to others.

ONE:	We come with grateful hearts, not for things,
ALL:	but for who God is and how God has gifted each of us uniquely.
ONE:	We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.
ALL:	Let us worship together now! Amen.

WORD

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Arr.: Susan E. Geschke, living; 17th-Century English Melody

Publisher: AGEHR Publishing

Bells of Faith: Nancy Kuhn, Director

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jane Rall, Liturgist

ONE:	Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.
ALL:	We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray.
ONE:	Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.
ALL:	Amen.
ONE:	Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
ALL:	Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

*HYMN #108

God Hath Spoken Through the Prophets

Words: George W. Briggs, 1952, alt.

Music: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

Publisher: The Hymn Society of America, 1953, renewed 1981

Congregation

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WONDER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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WHAT NOW

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN #402**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: Afro-American spiritual; Adapt and arr.: William Farley Smith, 1986

Congregation

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

POSTLUDE

Fanfare (from La Peri, 1912)

Composer: Paul Dukas, 1865-1935; Arr.: Robert Gower, b. 1952

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: William Hahs

Altar Guild for August: Jane Rall and Luisa Watts

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Liturgist: Jane Rall

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