

*I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy, *hear our prayers.*

LORD’S PRAYER: Let us pray together the words our Savior taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

PRAYER RESPONSE: Amen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Freely you have received, freely give.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERTORY Holy Ground Joshua Allen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith.
Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives—
giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor;
all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

***HYMN # 462** I Love To Tell the Story

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May we leave this house of worship today, quick to listen, slow to speak,
open to hearing and responding to God’s truth.
May God bless you and keep you, be kind and gracious to you,
may God look upon you with favor and bring you peace. **Amen.**

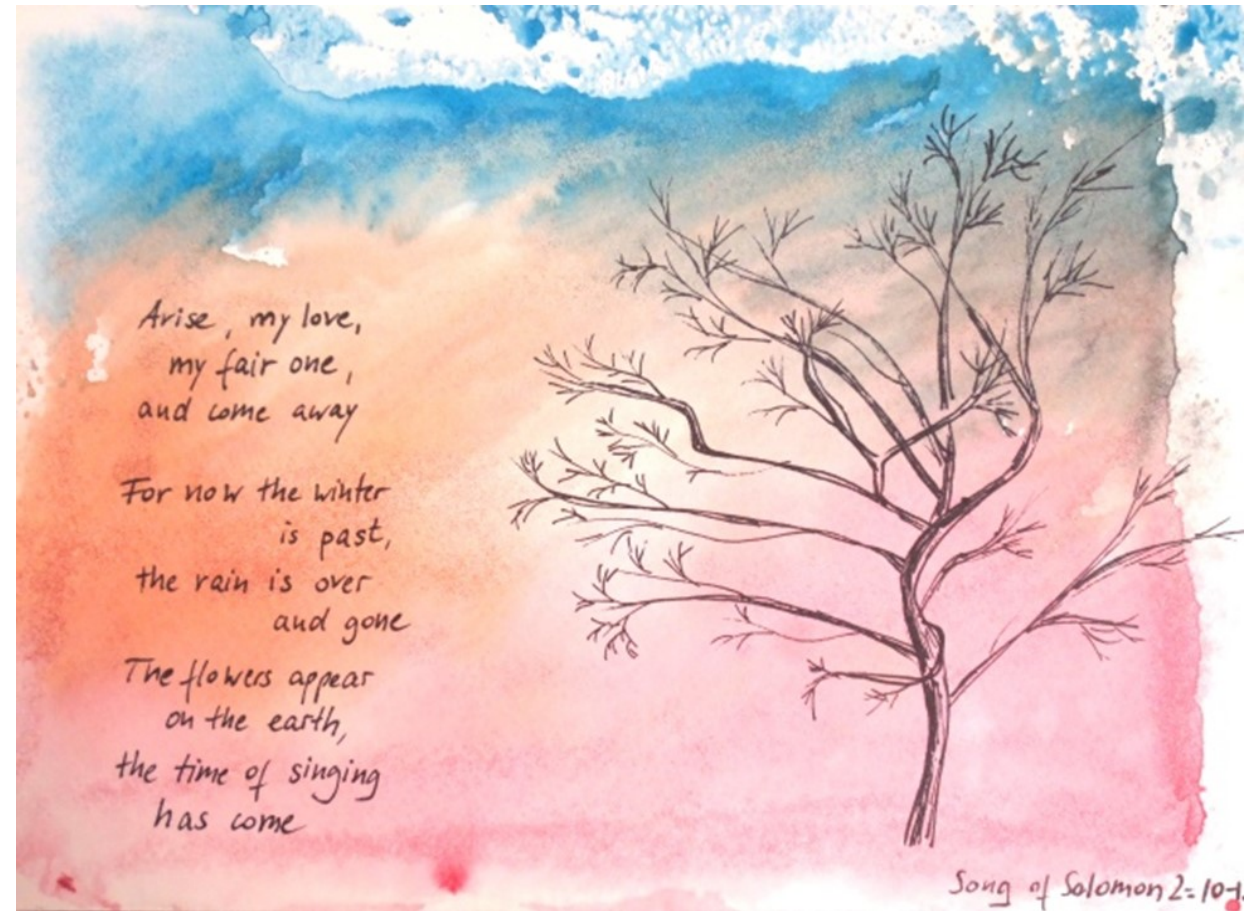
POSTLUDE Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Joshua Allen

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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



*14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 29, 2021
Service for the Lord’s Day*

(* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT #314

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship in the presence of God,
as if we stood on God's holy hill.

We gather to worship as children of God,
as if we were standing in the waters of grace.

We gather to worship the living God,
for God is here among us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, author and giver of all good things,
plant in our hearts the love of your name;
increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness;
and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN # 314

Christ, Be Our Light vv.2-5

CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

*You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence,
who may dwell on your holy hill:*

*those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and who speak the truth from their heart.*

And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly.

So often we stumble on the path of faith.

The truth makes us nervous,

and we pretend not to know what is right.

Have mercy, O God.

Convict us by your wisdom,

cleanse us by your grace,

challenge us by your presence,

and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.

Come, Ye Sinners

Christ, Be Our Light v.1

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Worship Ensemble

Liturgist: Steve Lowe

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God.*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you

in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

EPISTLE READING:

James 1:17-27

Hear the word of the Lord for us.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL:

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Hear the word of the Lord for us.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

In Our Hearts

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

— *Response* —

*HYMN # 693

The Gift of Love

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,*

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.