

where you are from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline *at the table* in the kingdom of God. And behold, *some* are last who will be first and *some* are first who will be last."

Response: *Praise to You, O Christ* page 83

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

Hymn: *Let Me Be Yours Forever*..... LBW #490

Please stand

Apostles' Creed page 85

Sharing of the Peace.

You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory: *Create In Me a Clean Heart*..... page 96

Prayer

Congregation response: hear our prayer

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* LBW #363

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Faith Finer

Usher: Steve Reimann

Acolyte: Faith Finer

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Please sign the attendance sheets located at the end of each pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address, and we invite you to join us again!

8:30 a.m.—August 21, 2016

Worship Service for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign* LBW #530

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Prayer of the Day

(All) God of all creation, You reach out to call people of all nations to Your kingdom. As You gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess Your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:18-23

"For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory. I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. I will also take some of them for priests *and* for Levites," says the LORD.

"For just as the new heavens and the new earth which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD, "So your offspring and your name will endure. And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all mankind will come to bow down before Me," says the LORD.

Psalm 50:1-15 (responsively)

L: The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;

C: He has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

L: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

C: God reveals Himself in glory.

L: Our God will come and will not keep silence;

C: before Him there is a consuming flame, and round about Him a raging storm.

L: He calls the heavens and the earth from above

C: to witness the judgment of His people.

L: "Gather before Me My loyal followers,

C: those who have made a covenant with Me and sealed it with sacrifice."

L: Let the heavens declare the rightness of His cause;

C: for God Himself is judge.

L: Hear, O My people and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you;

C: for I am God, your God.

L: I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;

C: your offerings are always before Me.

L: I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,

C: nor he-goats out of your pens;

L: for all the beasts of the forest are mine,

C: the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

L: I know every bird in the sky,

C: and the creatures of the fields are in My sight.

L: If I were hungry, I would not tell you,

C: for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

L: Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,

C: or drink the blood of goats?

L: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving

C: and make good your vows to the Most High.

L: Call upon Me in the day of trouble,

C: I will deliver you, and you shall honor Me.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:4-24

A Father's Discipline

You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; that *there be* no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a *single* meal. For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

For you have not come to *a mountain* that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which *sound was such that* those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED." And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

Please stand

Alleluia page 83

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:22-30

Response: Glory to You, O Lord page 83

And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know

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Today

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

7 p.m. Youth Group

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