

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

August 15, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

May Your word feed us in all our times of loss, loneliness, and fear. May we partake of the Bread of Life to our eternal blessing. So fill us with You Spirit that our lives may break into songs of praise. Teach us in all circumstances to give thanks. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "Shine, Jesus Shine"

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

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Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance

By the blood i may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, Consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
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Lord, and let there be light.

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is not easy to face our sin or to admit that we are less than we pretend to be. We find it easier to raise protective barriers than to break down our defenses and allow God to change us. Share now in the power of honest confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, we confess that we have walked in our own way, wasting our days in trivial pursuits and destroying the precious gifts You have entrusted to us. We have grasped for bread that does not satisfy and turned away from living water that brings life. Our worst enemies are within us. Deliver us, we pray, from all that separates us from You and one another as You hear our personal silent prayers. ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God hears our cries and weeps with us. As we walk with Christ, God promises to abide with us and raise us up. Let us live no longer in our distress and loneliness, dominated by our sinful ways, but accept the gift of God's forgiveness and give thanks.

SONG: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (#12 NCH)

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

Author: Isaac Watts (Public Domain)

- 1) I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command,
And all the stars obey.
- 2) I sing the goodness of our God
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Oh how your wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky.
- 3) On Earth there's not a plant or flower
But makes your glory known,
The clouds arise and spread their showers
By order from your throne;
All life is but a gift from you
And ever in your care,
Wherever people gather, You,
O God, are present there.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 111, John 6:51–58, Ephesians 5:15–20

PSALM 111

¹ Praise the Lord.
I will extol the Lord with all my heart

in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

- ² Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.

JOHN 6:51–58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live

because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

EPHESIANS 5:15–20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN’S STORYTIME

SERMON: “Drunk in the Spirit”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

Look carefully where you walk and make wise use of your time.
Feed on God’s word and follow in Christ’s way.
Always, and for everything, give thanks.

CLOSING HYMN: “Standing on the Promises”

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

Author: Russell Kelso Carter (1886); Tune: PROMISES (Carter); Public Domain

1) Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;

Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, Standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, Standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

- 2)** Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. [**Refrain**]
- 3)** Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [**Refrain**]
- 4)** Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. [**Refrain**]