

Message: “Divine Displacement”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)*

Closing Hymn: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #292

Benediction

Rev. Tom Bentley

Postlude



Our ushers today are Annmarie Pendola and Phil Fisher.

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Nancy Lauzon.

We welcome our guest organist, Kellie Tropeano.



Children of all ages are welcomed to Room 14 this morning during Worship Service for Compassion Camp with Christine Marshall and Christina Joly.



Next Sunday

Join us for a special service led by identical twins Kerrie Fraser and Kellie Tropeano, hosts of the popular podcast Hymn Talk Twin Talk. With their unique blend of preaching and music, the twins will share inspiring messages and lead us in heartfelt worship. Don't miss this joyful and spirit-filled morning!



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Communion Sunday

August 3, 2025

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Joe Tringale

Leader: So many things draw us away from God.

People: We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.

Leader: We place our interest in temporal things.

People: But Christ calls us to a higher level.

Leader: We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

Leader & People: We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*) Joe Tringale

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*) Joe Tringale

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

***Opening Hymn** “O Holy Dove of God Descending” #285

New Testament Reading Joe Tringale

Colossians 3:1-4 *The Message*

So, if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from *his* perspective.

Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life.

When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you’ll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

Call to Offering

Offertory

***Hymn of Praise (*in unison*)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Living god, who we adore.

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Reading Joe Tringale

Luke 12: 13-21 *The Message*

Someone out of the crowd said, “Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance.”

He replied, “Mister, what makes you think it’s any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?”

Speaking to the people, he went on, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.”

Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’

“Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’

“That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

*Stand as you are able

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INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most loving and gracious God. Forgive our sins; those we commit knowingly and those we do without perception of how they hurt others. Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit to hear your truth, to understand our failure and to reach a new level of understanding. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Pastor: "... and so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.

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Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord.

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WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: Let us unite in the words of remembrance...

All: We remember and give thanks for such love and Goodness and mercy.

WORDS OF BLESSING

HOLY COMMUNION

The pastor will offer instructions as how to receive the elements, and when to eat the bread and drink the unfermented wine.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison)

Almighty God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world and courage and peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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