



Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are happy to welcome you! Masks are strongly encouraged for all, and required for unvaccinated persons while indoors. We recommend properly fitting medical-type (not cloth) or K/N95 masks. We also recommend that masks be worn while entering and exiting the church, singing, and during the distribution of communion. Please take advantage of our online worship to stay home if you are feeling unwell in any way.

The altar flowers are given by Liz Cantine to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for my beloved Mother—birthday Aug 21st & beloved Big Brother, Art - death Aug 21st.

Celebrant/Preacher:The Rev. Jerry Sather
Deacon..... The Rev. Celeste Stump

Prelude: *The Lamb*..... *Kim Andre Arnesen*

Processional Hymn—Christ is Made the Sure Foundation.....Hymn #518, vv. 1-4

Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
All that de - di - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of
7
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion pours per -
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear thy
14
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er with the
all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er,
pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in Three a - dor - ing
serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion
21
bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry
and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
shed with - in its walls al - way.
ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Text: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. HYMNS ANCIENT AND MODERN, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866).
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

The Opening Acclamation.....Book of Common Prayer, p. 323
(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer—the red book in the pew rack in front of you)

The Gloria p. 324
 The Collect of the Day p. 180
 The First Lesson Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Response: Psalm 33:12-22, *Exultate, justi*..... p. 626
 The Second Lesson..... Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Holy Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Sermon The Rev. Jerry Sather
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The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Post Communion Prayer p. 339
 Blessing and Sending Forth p. 339
Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (Ash Grove)

Sent forth by God's bless-ing our true faith con-fess-ing, the peo - ple of_ God from this
 7 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er_ liv - ing, the tasks of our ev - ery - day
 14 dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is_ end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our_
 life we will face. Our faith ev - er shar-ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's
 19 wor - ship in all who be - lieve. The seed of_ the teach - ing, re -
 chil - dren of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
 24 cep - tive souls reach - ing, shall blos - som in_ ac - tion for God and for
 your light now lead us; u - nite us_ as_ one in this life that we
 29 all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us to
 share. Then may all the_ liv - ing with praise and_ thanks - giv - ing give
 work for_ God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
 hon - or_ to_ Christ and that name which we bear.

Words by Omar Westendorf, 1964 (Ash Grove) Welsh folk tune

Postlude: O Be Joyful In the Lord John Rutter

Welcome!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Amy Clute, Daniel Drayling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Terry Gilette, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Mick Mohuchy, Marjorie Morris, Anne Marie Morris, Greg Morris, Mike Morris, Bruce Schaefer, Stephen, and Marita Spalding.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.



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