



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

August 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost



OPENING

Gathering Songs

Only King Forever
The Father's House
More Like Jesus

Invocation

WORD

Children's Message *Children stay in pews*

Announcements

Bible Reading Psalm 88; Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon *You Are Not Alone in the Cave*

Pastor Bob Stelter

Sermon Song *Say Amen*

Back to School Blessing

Sharing of God's Peace *Please do not shake hands or hug during the health crisis.*

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Holy Communion

Communion Blessing *stand*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING

The Charge

Pastor: What does the Lord require of us?

Congregation: To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)

P: Go forth in the world to serve God with gladness, be of good courage, hold fast
to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people rejoicing in the power
of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. +

C: Amen.

Sending Song *Build Your Kingdom*

Dismissal

Praise Band: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Upon the conclusion of worship, please leave safely, observing social distance.
Please take your communion wrappers and any other items to the trash cans in the narthex.
Please take worship bulletin with you for your weekly prayers, including all those in the prayer concerns.*

*Flowers on the altar are given by **Barbara & Dave Birkholz** in memory of Edna Birkholz.*

Usher— Doug Houck

OUR VISION
To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING: Psalm 88

O Lord, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
²let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.

³For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. ⁴I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; I am like those who have no help,
⁵like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

⁶You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.

⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*

⁸You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; ⁹my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call on you, O Lord; I spread out my hands to you. ¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you? *Selah*

¹¹Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

¹²Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But I, O Lord, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴O Lord, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me?

¹⁵Wretched and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.

¹⁶Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me. ¹⁷They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me.

¹⁸You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.