

## Reflection

But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. — Romans 15:15-16

## Musical Reflection

*Arise, O God* (sung by musicians)

Arise, O God, and shine  
in all thy saving might,  
and prosper each design  
to spread thy glorious light:  
let healing streams of mercy flow,  
that all the earth thy truth may know,  
that all the earth thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near  
to sing thy glorious praise;  
let ev'ry people hear  
and learn thy holy ways:  
reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,  
and govern by thy righteous laws,  
and govern by thy righteous laws.

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 67

Minster (vv. 1-2): May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

**People (vv. 3-4):** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

### Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

#### Hymns of Praise

*Jesus Shall Reign* #441  
*O God, to Us Show Mercy* #437

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

### Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

#### Words of Comfort and Promise

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

#### Hymns of Praise

*We Have Heard the Joyful Noise* #448

## RENEWING OUR FAITH

### Second Helvetic Confession

Chapter 17:9-10, 7

THE TWO PEOPLES. Generally two peoples are usually counted, namely, the Israelites and Gentiles, or those who have been gathered from among Jews and Gentiles into the Church. There are also two Testaments, the Old and the New.

THE SAME CHURCH FOR THE OLD AND THE NEW PEOPLE. Yet from all these people there was and is one fellowship, one salvation in the one Messiah; in whom, as members of one body under one Head, all united together in the same faith, partaking also of the same spiritual food and drink. Yet here we acknowledge a diversity of times, and a diversity in the signs of the promised and delivered Christ; and that now the ceremonies being abolished, the light shines unto us more clearly, and blessings are given to us

more abundantly, and a fuller liberty.

MILITANT AND TRIUMPHANT. For the one is called the Church Militant, the other the Church Triumphant. The former still wages war on earth, and fights against the flesh, the world, and the prince of this world, the devil; against sin and death. But the latter, having been now discharged, triumphs in heaven immediately after having overcome all those things and rejoices before the Lord. Notwithstanding both have fellowship and union one with another.

### Scripture Reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Amen!**

Romans 15:8-13

(Pew Bible p.949)

### Hymn of Preparation

*Facing a Task Unfinished*

*1. Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known*

*2. Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night. Chorus*

*Chorus: We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord*

*3. We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers. Chorus*

*4. O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Savior, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labor for Thy sake. Chorus*

Words and Music by Frank Houghton, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, and Fionan de Barra

*At this time, children in pre-K through Kindergarten may be dismissed to the nursery classroom on the first floor.*

### Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Dustyn Eudaly, Senior Minister

Acts 13:1-12 — Barnabas and Saul: Commissioned, Protected and Blessed by God  
(Pew Bible p. 921)

## RESPONDING IN THANKS

### Musical Reflection

*O Church Arise* (sung by musicians)

- O church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain; For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" reaching out to those in darkness.
- Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—an inheritance of nations.
- Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

- So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

## Collection of Offering

### Closing Hymn

*We Rest on Thee* #449

### Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Updated COVID Seating Update** — Both the right side of the balcony (facing the pulpit), and the back half of the section of pews in line with the piano are designated for those who wish to wear masks and/or social distance. All other seating in the Sanctuary remains normal. Please continue to use wisdom as you interact and let us know if we can be helpful in any way.

**Fall Bible Studies** — We have resumed our men's and women's studies on the book of Hebrews! It is not too late to join us if you missed the first week. The women meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm; the men meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm and Fridays at 7:00 am. \**Childcare available for the Tuesday men's and women's gathering.* Contact Holly McCollough with any questions.

**Lord's Supper** — Please prepare for communion **next Sunday, September 5th.**

**Move-Up Sunday** — Children will age up on **Sunday, September 12th** for both Sunday School and Sunday evening classes.

**Fall Sunday School** — **Beginning Sunday, September 12th at 9:15 am**

**New Members Class:** We will offer a 7-week class led by the elders for those interested in membership at Holy Trinity. Please RSVP to Emma Beth Fisher.

**Social Justice Assessed Biblically:** Is American history "a tragedy in three acts: what we did to the Indians, what we did to the African-Americans, and what we did to everyone else"? How should a Christian boldly stand for justice and think rightly about oppression both past and present? How can the church escape the snare of deceitful philosophies such as Critical Race Theory while remaining humbly aware of the need to take the log out of our own eye? We will consider these important questions that have arisen in the midst of our chaotic times and the biblical testimony that addresses them.

**Membership Introductions, Vow Renewal and Lunch to Follow** — New members will be recognized on **Sunday, September 12th** during the worship service. We will also take this time as current members to renew our membership vows together, given our particular moment in the life of this church. In preparation for this important time together, please reflect prayerfully on the membership vows which can be found on cards located at the Sanctuary exits. Following the service, we will gather for a meal in the Fellowship Hall and hear testimonies of our new members

**Tuesday After School Arts Program and Family Chapel** — Beginning **Tuesday, September 14th**, we will resume our weekly chapel and arts and music classes. Students K-5th Grade, please join us weekly from 3:30-5:30 pm as we gather for a brief chapel service and then our arts and music classes! We are excited to be studying the traditional art and music from countries around the world this semester! Contact Emma Beth Fisher to register.

**Backpack Donation Drive** — Our Neighborhood Outreach Dinner ministry is collecting backpacks to distribute to the homeless men and women we serve; donation bins are located in the East entrance lobby!

