

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

**Bolded** passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

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**We Prepare for Worship**

Prelude *Pastorale* Philip Hayes

Lighting of Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

**We Worship God**

Call to Worship

\*Hymn *God, who stretched* 305

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Holy, triune God, may that small voice of the Spirit grow ever louder so that it drowns out the voices of all who dare call us anything less than what you yourself have named us: your beloved children

Prayer of Confession

**Today we confess that too often we forget who we are. So we take your name in vain, we swear, and we steal—not only physical things, but time from our employers and even the innocence of young children. We are a people who forget that we bear your name when we post on social media and when we gossip in the hallway at school or work. We forget when we lie and when we cheat. We forget when we ignore the promises we have made to children, parents, spouses, and friends. Holy, triune God, we confess that we forget.**

Forgiving God, may that small voice of the Spirit grow ever louder, drowning out all those voices inside us that entice us to act as if we aren't your beloved child. Forgive us for all we have done and all we failed to do, and remind us that through our baptisms we have become your children.

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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

**We Listen for God's Word**

\*Hymn *Lead me, Jesus; I will follow* 646

Children's Time

Sharing a sign of peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you**

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

- ❖ Titus 3:1-7 NT Page 215
- ❖ Galatians 3:26-29 NT Page 189

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message – Remember who you are

**We Respond to God's Word**

Responsive Reading

Let there be no gap between us and Christ.  
**For if there is any gap, immediately we perish.**  
For the building stands because it is cemented together.  
Let us not then merely keep hold of Christ,  
**but let us be cemented to him.**  
Let us cleave to him by our works.

Christ is the head; **we are the body.**  
Christ is the foundation, **we the building.**  
Christ is the vine, **we the branches.**  
Christ is the bridegroom, **we the bride.**  
Christ is the shepherd, **we the sheep.**  
Christ is the way; **we walk in it.**

Again, we are the temple, **Christ the indweller.**  
Christ is the only begotten, **we the brothers and sisters.**  
Christ is the heir, **we the heirs together with him.**  
Christ is the life, **we the living.**  
Christ is the resurrection, **we those who rise again.**  
Christ is the light, **we the enlightened.**

—from *Homilies on First Corinthians*, St. John Chrysostom (4th century), adapted

**\*Hymn**                      *I heard the voice of Jesus say*                      **671**

### Offering

**Organist's Offering**                      *Air*                      Jonathan Battishill  
**of Music**

**Doxology**                      *We praise you, O God (Verse 1)*                      **425**

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

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### Prayer of Dedication

**O God, we offer these gifts to you. Use them to shape  
and transform the world you love with the Good News  
we celebrate in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Choir's Gift**                      *Peace Like A River*                      trad. Arr. Wagner  
**of Music**

### Prayers of the People

#### **We are Sent out as God's People**

**\*Hymn**                      *We are God's people*                      **472**

### Benediction

**Postlude**                      *Adagio*                      John Bennett