

# “What Would You Ask For?”



Twelfth Sunday After  
Pentecost

August 8, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

Mary Hurley, Pastor  
Katie Maurer, Director of Music Ministry  
Kim Armstrong, Youth Director  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME Pastor Mary Hurley

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

\*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" (#386, vs 1, 3, 4)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

**People: The works of God are all around us. Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.**

Leader: We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful. We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

**People: Holy and awesome is God's name. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: Come, then, as wise and faithful people. Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

**People: We are amazed that God remembers us. We reach out to the God who cares for us.**

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

**God of steadfast love, your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw us together to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and reign within the lives of each one gathered here, helping us to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways and keep your commandments. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Forever"

SCRIPTURE I Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14 (NRSV) Pastor Mary  
Ephesians 5: 15-20

SERMON "What Would You Ask For?" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY/SPECIAL MUSIC "Allegro in C" Katie Maurer  
(Hesse)

\*RESPONSE "Bless Thou the Gifts" (p. 625)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**Your generosity, O God, is beyond our deserving. You grant health to our bodies and minds. You surround us with vast resources and with people who love us. You allow us to make decisions about the use of our time and possessions and relationships. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to share with others some of what we have received. Help us to use all our gifts as you intend. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (#33, vs 1, 3)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Katie Maurer

(\* All who are able, please stand when noted.)