

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2016

## Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER HEARS JESUS' WARNINGS...**

**The Word doesn't bring peace, but division.**



**LUKE 12:49, ESV**

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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

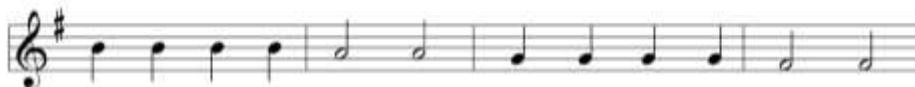
224 – God Himself Is Present



1 God him - self is pres - ent— Let us now a - dore him  
2 God him - self is pres - ent— Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore him.  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing,  
Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it.



God is in his tem - ple— All with - in keep si - lence,  
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly"— Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,  
Like the ho - ly an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore you,



Hum - bly kneel in deep - est rev - 'rence,  
Songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing.  
May I cease - less - ly a - dore you,



He a - lone On his throne Is our  
Bow your ear To us here: Hear, O  
Let your will Ev - er still Rule your



God and Sav - ior; Praise his name for - ev - er!  
Christ, the prais - es That your Church now rais - es,  
church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, alt.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, and John Miller, 1756–90, alt.

Tune: WUNDERBARER KONIG (668 668 33 66) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt.

## INVOCATION

**Minister** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congregation** A - men.

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you,  
For Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious;  
Against each foe you'll be victorious;  
Our God will set you o'er them all.  
Fear not the prince of hell—  
Here is Immanuel! Sing hosanna!  
The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,  
And we as conqu'rors hold the field. (455:1)**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 23:23-29

With the Kingdom of Judah moving ever closer to judgment, Jeremiah proclaims the Lord's condemnation of false prophets.

JEREMIAH 23:23 “Am I only a God nearby,”  
declares the LORD,  
“and not a God far away?”

<sup>24</sup> “Can anyone hide in secret places  
so that I cannot see him?”  
declares the LORD.  
“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>25</sup> “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ <sup>26</sup> How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? <sup>27</sup> They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

# PSALM

# Psalm 139a

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*All sing Refrain.*

*Men speak the first half of the verses; women respond speaking the second half.  
All speak the Gloria.*



(M) O LORD, you have searched me and you | know me;\*  
(W) you perceive my thoughts | from afar.

You discern my going out and my | lying down;\*  
you are familiar with | all my ways.

*Refrain*

Where can I go from your | Spirit?\*  
Where can I flee from your | presence?

If I go up to the heavens, | you are there;\*  
if I make my bed in the depths, | you are there.

If I rise on the wings | of the dawn,\*  
if I settle on the far side | of the sea,

even there your hand will | guide me,\*  
your right hand will | hold me fast.

(ALL) Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*Refrain*

## **SECOND LESSON** Hebrews 12:1-13

Running the race of life requires perseverance because the Word of God brings division and persecution and violence.

HEBREWS 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. <sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

<sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

<sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines those he loves,  
and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”

<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. <sup>13</sup> “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Praise the one who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the one who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land. (353:2)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



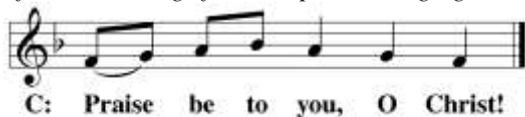
## GOSPEL Luke 12:49-53

Jesus warns that his fire will bring division between believer and unbeliever, even within that most intimate of human relationships, the family.

LUKE 12:49 “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

## HYMN OF THE DAY

413 - When in the Hour of Utmost Need



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not  
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our  
5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of  
meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need Through him whose name a -  
woes be - fore you lay, Be with us in our  
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate,  
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,  
to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511-69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NOTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-c. 1561.

## SERMON

Luke 12:49-53

### Why “No Peace” is a Good Thing

1. it alludes to what has been accomplished by the Christ
2. it marks what has been accomplished in the Christian

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who has risen from the dead and ever lives to intercede for us at the right hand of the throne of God, and in His name let us pray with all boldness and confidence to our Father in heaven.

*Brief silence*

For the whole Christian Church on earth, that as Christ Jesus was baptized into our sin and death to accomplish our salvation by His cross and resurrection, so would all whom He has sealed by the Holy Spirit with the sign of His sacrifice be strengthened to speak and to live according to His Word in all the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those whom the Lord has called and sent to preach in His name, that He would pour out His Spirit upon them and teach them by the counsel of His prophets and apostles, and that they in turn would speak His Word faithfully and deal compassionately with His people in Christ, so that our faith in Him be strengthened, charity increased in us toward all our neighbors and His kingdom come to all the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and all those in authority, that our Lord God Almighty would behold them in His mercy and replenish them by His grace; that all who receive the sword would bear it according to His Word, always inclining to His will and walking in His way; and that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faithfulness in the midst of persecution and temptation, that all Christians would live within their proper callings and by faith overcome the world, exercise justice and righteousness, cling to the promises of God, stop the mouths of lions, quench the power of fire, escape the edge of the sword, be made strong in much weakness, and put sin, death and the devil to flight in the hope of a better life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all sorts and conditions of men and women everywhere, that our Lord would be pleased to make His ways known unto them; that He would preserve all those who travel, protect all those who are in danger and provide for the needs of all His creatures; and that He would comfort and relieve all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body or estate [*including especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that all might praise His name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For steadfastness of faith in the race that is set before us, that we not grow weary or fainthearted but remember with thanksgiving the great cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded in Christ [*including \_\_\_\_\_*]; that being strengthened by their fellowship and the example of their lives, we would persevere unto a blessed end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, in these our humble requests, which we offer unto You in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

523 - God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo -  
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ,  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e -



ple pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's  
 as - sail his ways. From our fears that long have  
 to your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish  
 vils we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal -



sto - ry; Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r.  
 bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 glad - ness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
 va - tion Be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom; grant us cour - age For the fac - ing  
 Grant us wis - dom; grant us cour - age For the liv - ing  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age Lest we miss your  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, Serv - ing you whom



of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 king - dom's goal, Lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 we a - dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969, abr., alt.  
 Tune: CWM RHONDDA (87 87 877) John Hughes, 1873-1932.

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



# CLOSING HYMN

537 - Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,  
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful; Join the hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See his ban - ners go!  
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
 This through count - less a - ges Saints and an - gels sing.

## *Refrain*



On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE (65 65 D with Refrain) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*