

**Upper St. Croix Parish**  
**Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls**

**August 23rd, 2020**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

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This bulletin is for both in-church and drive-in service (outdoor).  
\*please rise as you are able.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

*The passing of the Peace is a time to briefly greet your family members with the peace of Christ. "Peace be with You!"*

**We Celebrate New Life in Christ**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

Come, let us sing to our Creator;  
make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**We come into God's presence with thanksgiving;**  
**let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

Come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before God, our Maker!

**This is our God, and we are God's people.**

**We are like sheep, with God as our shepherd.**

O the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
Who can begin to know the mind of God?

**How unsearchable are God's judgments;**  
**how inscrutable are God's ways! Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress Is our God*  
**UMH 110 (vs. 1 & 4)**

**OPENING PRAYER** Unison

**Unknowable God, whom we have glimpsed in Jesus of Nazareth, we await your voice. Speak to us through the scriptures, in our inmost thoughts, in our quiet conversations, through those who teach and preach, through all who humbly serve. Bring us to a confession of a faith strong enough to sustain your servant church in a needy world. Amen.**

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 16:13-20** *See Insert*  
(in Grantsburg)

**\*THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** **Exodus 1:8-2:10** *See Insert*  
(in Atlas Park)

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
**UMH 400 (vs. 1 & 3)**

**SERMON** **John Addison** (in Grantsburg)  
**Barb Loomis** (in Atlas Park)

*(If you are not able to join us for Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon.)*

**We Respond to God's Word**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS** Responsive

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and grace, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison  
From God and through God and to God are all things. We can give nothing unless we have first received it. We can accomplish nothing except by God's grace. We contribute to no good cause apart from God's purposes. We give thanks for the privilege of giving and refrain from seeking rewards for our generosity. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another*

\*HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* UMH 568 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

\*BENEDICTION Responsive

Go out to be the church,  
a faithful, faith-filled people.

**We have recognized Christ among us  
and belong to the body that bears Christ's name.**

Remember that rock of faith on which the church is built,  
and find ways to nurture and develop your trust.

**The responsibility is ours, together and individually,  
to be Christ to our neighbors.**

God grants us keys to the realm of heaven,  
that we may bind and release in Christ's name.

**We can introduce others to the Eternal  
and call them, and ourselves, to account.**

The power of death shall not prevail  
against those who are in Christ Jesus.

**We seek to follow the One who was fully human,  
in humble obedience and simple trust. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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