

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

August 30th, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 to the Lord, let us sense God's presence;
God's steadfast love is present among us.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

God's saving acts were experienced by our ancestors,
and God continues to act in our own day.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits.**

God's concern is for all creation, for all worlds,
yet that care draws us close in these moments.

**The whole creation is filled with eager longing;
bless the Lord, all who live in hope. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *How Can We Name a Love*

UMH 111 (vs.1 & 4)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of power and glory, whose ways are not our ways, recall us again to selfless devotion to your will, to what is good and acceptable and perfect. Grant us the courage to follow the way of love in the face of all that would deny it. Speak to us, that we may hear and do what you intend. May we take up the cross, not as a burden, but as

a sign of hope. May our cheerful zeal provide a contagious witness for the cause of Christ. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON (G)** Matthew 16:21-28 (*See Insert*)

***THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (A)** Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
(*See Insert*)

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Take Up Thy Cross

UMH 415 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

SERMON

John Addison (Grantsburg)

Kathy Gionis (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

Eternal God, hallowed be your name. We praise your glory. Renew our bodies as fresh as the morning flowers. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts new light upon the darkness so we may see those who are in need and suffer and we can help them.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Please help those who suffer and those who are in trouble so they may get hope and courage in the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Please take care of those who are back to school, and those who start in new jobs, new lives, and new environments. 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
Gracious God, we delight once more in the opportunity to give for the cause of Christ. May we contribute generously and give aid, with zeal. Along with our money, we also offer ourselves, as living sacrifices, for the world's transformation. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*HYMN *Where He Leads Me* UMH 338 (vs. 1,2 & 4)

*BENEDICTION Responsive
God sends us out into the world
to bring people to the mountaintop.

**But we're not ready to explain burning bushes
or discuss the groaning of creation.**

God promises to be with us every step of the way
to crown us with steadfast love and mercy.

**But we want to stay with the sheep, God,
while you send someone else off to Egypt.**

The place where we are standing is holy ground,
God's tasks for us may be very close at hand.

**Sometimes it's hardest to witness among friends,
to speak a word for God to those who know us best.**

Use the gifts God has entrusted to you:
your eyes, ears, hands, and feet.

**We want to be sensitive to God's hurting ones
and patient in our hope and our service. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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