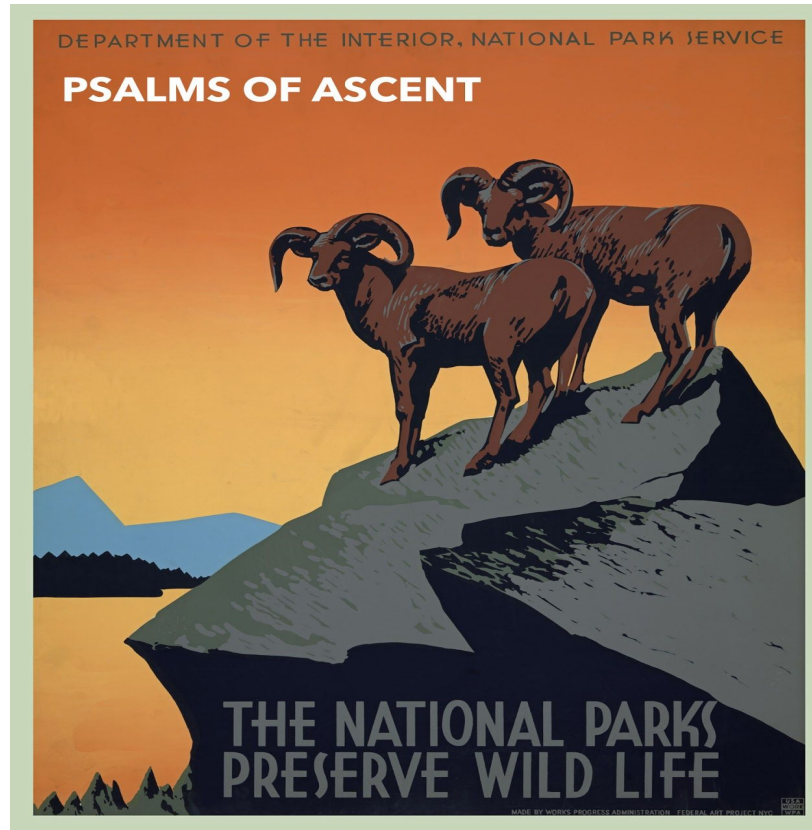


8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020 (Worship: 8:30am, 10am, 5pm)



WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today we continue our summer emphasis on the “*Psalms of Ascent*.” These Psalms are all about going up, journeying upward and so their connection to the beauty of California’s National Parks is natural - they point to the Creator. May this time inspire your living with gratitude and wonder.

PRELUDE MUSIC: *The Heart of Worship*

Micaela Lum

THE WELCOME AND GREETING

Bill Jonas

THE HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

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THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read **bold**

words.)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

#634 vv. 3

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LESSON: Romans 8:26-28

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

PSALM 132 (Read responsively.)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-46

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Daneen Pysz

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *This Little Light of Mine*

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MESSAGE: Psalms of Ascent Series - "*Hometown Deity?*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Christian Try

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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THE SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Micaela Lum, Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Parajeckas family in celebration of their birthdays & their anniversary!

NEW ADDRESS for Pastor Sabrina LaBelle and family (as of 8/1): 826 Blythe Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

SUMMER CHURCH-WIDE THEME - Psalms of Ascent. Each Psalm (beginning with Psalm 121) will be connected to one of the nine National Parks in California. Passports/stickers given out and for each Psalm/Park. Today, we consider Psalm 132 and Channel Islands National Park.

CLAIM YOUR PRIZE: Parents, if your child will be collecting all nine National Park stamps for our summer series, please contact the church office. We will have a surprise ready for them on the last Sunday (August 2).

WELCOME to pianist/organist Micaela Lum who is filling in for Fred Johnson while he is on vacation. Thank you for being with us! Micaela is now the regular musician at the 5pm worship service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Holy Communion will be celebrated at all worship services. If you plan to participate at home, please act as "Altar Guild" and set up the elements ahead of time. Questions, contact the pastor.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP - Please contact the office at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org to sign-up.

SR. HIGH CATALINA TRIP - July 29, this group will take a day excursion (socially distanced & outdoors) to Catalina Island. Cost is \$60 plus food. Reservations needed, so please email your RSVP: youth@mygloriadei.org.

GLORIA DEI IS RE-OPENING - Those not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing medical conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream service at home or listen to our FM Station, while in your car, in the church parking lot.

- **DETAILS:** Please wear face coverings. We are blocking off certain areas for more "elbow room" and encouraging people to sit on the patio (Bring an umbrella for sun). Initially no coffee time.
- EXTRA face coverings and hand sanitizers are available at the Welcome Table. Thank you!
- **HOLY COMMUNION** - For the time being, the Sacrament will be observed on the 1st Sunday/ month.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - Psalms of Ascent. The study takes place every Wednesday, 4pm, a great preparation for Sunday and takes place in Bankson Hall and also online. Thanks to Dr. Dennis Chernenkoff for leading this study. For access or more information, contact: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

CHURCH CONDO (3 bed/3bath) will be rented in August. For details, please contact the office.

BLOOD DRIVE - August 13, 9am-3pm in Bankson Hall. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Gloria Dei. Alternatively, you may contact the office at 949-493-3414 or email - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org to request a time. CDC recommended precautions will be taken.

FACE MASK CHALLENGE: Lutheran World Relief is seeking face masks. Nearly 100,000 have already been made (lwr.org). Our Quilting Ministry is leading the way. Contact Donna Combe or email the church for information

OFFERING - Place check/money in boxes as you leave, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. For Text to Give, text \$ amount to 949-356-5326. First time, initial set up instructions texted back. Once set up, simply text donation. You can also give via credit card or debit card through our secure site - go to mygloriadei.org/donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Philippians/Perseverance Series - begins September 6 with members' faith stories; First Communion - October 4; Confirmation/Reformation Sunday - October 25

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS!

8:30am: Lector: Gail Rightmire; Ushers: Craig Backhus; Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

10:00am: Lector: Cade Gallal; Usher: Susan Behnke; Welcome Table: Cade Gallal

5:00pm: Lector: Bill Ramsey

CHURCH STAFF: Senior Pastor: David R. Mattson; Preschool Director: Shelli Parajeckas; Children & Family Director: Barb Collins; Congregational Life Director: Susie Boland; Youth Director: Paige Gulck; Music Director: Kathy Person; Organist: Fred Johnson; Micaela Lum, 5pm worship leader; Administrative Assistant: Carol Weinhardt.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY 26 - AUGUST 1, 2020

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm)

Monday:

Tuesday: AA (7am, Men); Brass Rehearsal (4pm); Heart Lifters Online (6:30pm); Alanon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Youth Day Trip to Catalina (8:30am - 6:30pm); Summer Bible Study online

Thursday: AA Men (7am)

Friday: AA Men (8pm)

Saturday: NA (7pm)

