The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020   Eleven o’clock

Organ Voluntary

*Call to Worship  
from Psalm 105

Minister: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.

Minister: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.

*Opening Hymns  Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing:  
Alleluia! Amen!

I loud praise to Christ our King:  
Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:  
Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:  
Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;  
to us he’ll condescend;  
his love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet out Christ again:  
Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:  
Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven’s blissful shore  
his goodness we’ll adore,  
singing forevermore:  
Alleluia! Amen!

I Sing Praises
I sing praises to Your Name, O Lord, praises to Your Name, O Lord. For Your Name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your Name, O Lord, glory to Your Name, O Lord. For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

*Opening Prayer

Minister: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray,
and to give more than we either desire or deserve.

Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things
of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things
for which we are not worthy to ask,
except through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Apostles’ Creed

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem Trust in the Lord Daniel E. Gawthrop, b.1949

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not unto your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him
and he shall direct your path.
For in him are all the blessings of heaven
   and from his mouth cometh wisdom.
Seek him and he shall grant you
   the sweetest desires of your heart.
Lift your voice to his glory
   and he shall grant you the sweetest desires of your heart.

words: scripture adapted by Jane Griner

Pastoral Prayer
   concluding with The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem \hspace{1cm} \textit{The Narrow Way} \hspace{1cm} K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

Be near me, Lord, where-e’er I go; teach me what you would have me do;
direct what-e’er I think or say; and lead me in the narrow way.

Prevent me, lest I harbor pride, lest I in my own strength confide;
show me my weakness, let me see I have my pow’r, my all in thee.

Assist and teach me how to pray; incline my nature to obey;
what you abhor, oh, let me flee, and only love what pleases thee.

words: John Cennick, 1718-1755

Sermon

*Closing Hymn \hspace{1cm} \textit{The Love of God} \hspace{1cm}

The love of God is greater far
   than tongue or pen can ever tell;
it goes beyond the highest star,
   and reaches to the lowest hell;
the guilty pair, bowed down with care,
   God gave His Son to win;
his erring child He reconciled,
   and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: \hspace{1cm} Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
   \hspace{1cm} How measureless and strong!
   \hspace{1cm} It shall forevermore endure—
   \hspace{1cm} the saints’ and angels’ song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
   and were the skies of parchment made,
were every stalk on earth a quill,
   and every man a scribe by trade;
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky.  R.

*Benediction
*Closing Voluntary