

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
9:00 a.m. Classic Worship  
September 3, 2023

(\*) The asterisk indicates to stand, as you are able.

**WELCOME** Dr. John Robbins

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Give Me Jesus* arr. Douglas Wagner  
Sungyun Kim, organ

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 108:1-4) Dr. Jeffery Hampton

Pastor: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

**People: We will sing and make melody!  
We will awaken the dawn!**

Pastor: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88** *Maker, in Whom We Live* DIADEMATA

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* **GLORIA PATRI 70** MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood  
Chancel Choir

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Kathleen McMurray

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,

who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare your justice, mock your mercy, jeer your patience,  
slight your power, and show contempt for your love. We even say "I'm sorry" insincerely  
and confess our sin flippantly. We plead your help to own up to how we have wronged you,  
to admit honestly how we have grieved you, to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon.**

**We ask for your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**HYMN 375** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

\* **SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 4:7-10, 16-26, 29 Dr. Robbins

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

**Thanks be to God.**

\* **GREETING**

**SERMON** Knowing One's Story

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rev. McMurray

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Count Your Blessings* arr. Dan Miller  
Sungyun Kim, organ

\* **DOXOLOGY 95** OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Rev. Jay Clark

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:*

All honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**                      *Nearer, My God, to Thee*                      *arr. Dan Forrest*  
Dr. Frode Gundersen, piano

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

\* **CLOSING HYMN 413**                      *A Charge to Keep I Have*                      BOYLSTON

\* **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**                      *Toccata No. 4 on Holy Manna*                      *Joel Raney*  
Sungyun Kim, organ

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Jay Clark, *Executive Pastor*  
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor of Caring Ministries*  
Rev. Kathleen McMurray, *Pastor of Connecting Ministries & Worship*  
Dr. Frode Gundersen, *Director of Music, Arts, & Worship*  
Sungyun Kim, *Organist & Associate Music Director*

**ACOLYTES**

Raina Haynes & Charlotte Stotts

**USHERS**

Caroline Beauchamp (*Lead*), Amanda Edwards, Emily Erkel, Rick Fleetwood

**ALTAR GUILD**

Elise Argue, Debbie Benson, Sylvia Borchert, Betty Gene Mann

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the PHUMC clergy.

**COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS**

The Columbarium Garden flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Anne Hansen by Donna Davis and Mary Ruth Price Brown.

