



Greenhills Community Church, Presbyterian

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13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023, 10:00 am

Guest Speaker: Lee Sanders
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[At this sign, rise in body or in spirit; **bold text** indicates congregation's responses.]*

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist: Donna Hadley

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

When we look to the rock from which we were cut, and the quarry from which we were dug, we see our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, who were alone until God blessed them and made them many!
When we look to the cornerstone of the church, we see Christ, the Son of the living God. Beginning with Peter, God has made us into living stones. God's house will stand forever!

***Hymn # 81**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Call to Reconciliation

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin, and seeking forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers.

God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

***Response # 583**

Gloria, gloria

GLORIA (Taize)

Prayer for Illumination

God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and understanding, that through these words your Word may be known. **Amen.**

First Lesson Exodus 1:8-20 NRSV OT, p. 49

The word of God for the people of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Musical Offering *You Are Mine* David Haas
Greenhills Strings

Second Lesson Romans 12:1-2 NRSV NT, p. 161

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-20 NRSV NT, p. 18

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *A Chip off the Old Block* Lee Sanders

***Hymn # 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.)

Invitation

Brothers and sisters, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. And as an act of worship, let us now return to God our offering.

Offertory

***Doxology #607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*[Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.]*

*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, you took a baby from the Nile and used him to lead your people to the promised land. Take our offerings and use them for your people in this land and throughout your world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Service of Installation

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling (Eph 4:4)

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit Who gives them (1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27)

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord Who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

***Apostles' Creed (page 35 in front of hymnal)**

The Lord Be with you

And also, with you.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Installation

***Hymn # 697**

Take My Life

HENDON

***Charge**

Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed to live as the body of Christ in the world.

***Benediction**

May God who restores, Christ who calls, and the Spirit who empowers bless you and increase your joy and gladness, now and always.

(Please be seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

Postlude

Sources: *Feasting on the Word, Year A, Vol. 2.*

Participants:

Guest Speaker: Lee Sanders, REPI

Music Director: Brad Caldwell

Sound: Cliff Kizuka, Jim Hadley

Zoom Hosts: Vince Greene, Jim Hadley

Liturgist: Donna Hadley

Ushers: Rudy Visnich,

Greeter: Sharon Bailey

Counters: Rudy Visnich, Bobbe Kugele

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

TODAY

Please join us after the service for time together in the Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 28

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 210

Tuesday, August 29

- Bell Choir, 6:00 p.m., Room 110
- Square Dance Class, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 30

- Support group, 6:00-7:30, Room 204 (contact Dr. Stephen Benoit for info: call at 513-909-4242 or message at Stephenbenoit@outlook.com)
- AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209
- Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m., Room 210
- Square Dancing, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 31

Friday, September 1

- Hilltop Artists, 10:00 a.m., Room 210
- AA Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Room 209

Saturday, September 2

- Pro Bono Counseling, 11:00 – 1:00, Room 204