



July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering in God's Name

Greeting and Welcome

A Gathering Prayer

*God, you have given us a dream of your world made whole,  
a heavenly realm that is near in heart  
and close at hand, and is ours to choose each day.  
May our smallest acts of courtesy, when transformed by your love,  
grow abundantly into a realm of flourishing for all. Amen.*

From the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion:  
Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2. Kimberly Bracken Long, editor

Prelude

“Priere Du Soir (Evening Prayer)”  
Anita Ilika, keyboard

Announcements and Call to Worship

With what shall we compare the kingdom of God?  
**It is like a pinch of yeast, mixed into the flour.**

How can we know God's presence among us?  
**It is like a pinch of yeast, mixed into the flour.**

Let those who can hear - **Listen.**

Hymn (GTG # 401 )

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

(Leader) We come before God not as despised sinners but as beloved children.  
With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

(All) O Lord our God,  
we confess that we do not reflect your glory.  
We devote ourselves to small things  
while you work for a greater purpose.  
We distract ourselves with grand designs  
while you surprise us with hidden wonders.  
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives  
by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
so that we may know your will,  
seek your way, and share your work,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## Words of Forgiveness

(Leader) Our righteousness is found in Christ alone;  
it is a gift of God by faith.  
Beloved people of God, we can believe the good news:

(All) Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Amen.

## Word Proclaimed

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Time with Young Disciples

Scripture Lesson - Matthew 13:33

Sermon "Like Leaven"

Prayers of the People

## Thanksgiving

Call for Offering

Offertory "Trio I ~ Allegro" Jason Nelson

Liturgy for the Dissolution of a Pastor's Call

Congregational Responses:

*Be present, Lord. . . Lord, have mercy. . . Thanks be to God.*

*We do, with thanks to God.*

## Sending

Closing Hymn (GTG # 36) "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

Words of Thanks and Appreciation

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Psalm 121" Leo Radosavljevic  
Leo Radosavljevic & Angela De Venuto

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe