

MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

11:00 a.m.

*Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the Ushers.*

*A single asterisk (\*) before the liturgy indicates that the congregation is to stand if able.*

*People's response in bold.*

*Please turn off your cell phones before the service begins.*

*The service begins with the prelude. This is a time for meditative prayer, silence, and centering.*

*Please be mindful of your neighbor's desire to prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE "Earth and All Stars" setting by Michael Burkhardt

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Liturgist)**

*Please sign the welcome register (include last names please) and pass it to your neighbor. When all have signed, pass it back so you can see the names of those with whom you are worshiping. (Please remove the signed page and place it in the offering plate). Announcements are given by the liturgist. Those not printed in the bulletin must be handed to the liturgist before the service begins.*

INTROIT "Come, Let Us Worship God" McKeever

**Come, let us worship God.  
Welcome everyone  
to the love of God.**

**Rest for the weary...**

**Food for the hungry...**

**Hope for the people...**

**GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Show us your ways, O God!

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us.**

Open our eyes, minds, and hearts

**To know your will and to follow it.**

Reveal your vision for us,

**Keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.**

Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose,

**and move us forward into your future.**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

\*HYMN #26

"Earth and All Stars!"

Earth and All Stars

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

## Confession (Unison)

We call out to you, ever-present God, because we know you hear and answer. When we are drowning in trouble, let us see that you are close by and reaching for us. When we feel like we have been swallowed by oceans of sickness, sadness, and fear, lift us up. Hear our prayers, answer and restore us, and make us whole to follow you, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response #587

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASSING THE PEACE

MOMENT WITH YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Philemon 1:1-21 pg. 215

ANTHEM "River in Judea" Marcus/Feldman  
Chancel Choir arr. Leavitt

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 pg. 577

SERMON "An Open Letter to the Confirmands" The Reverend Stacey Midge

PROFESSION OF FAITH Bess Lindeman and Teegan Ernst

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**WELCOMING THE CONFIRMANDS (Responsive)**

*(The Minister continues...)*

...Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in this ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

**\*HYMN #29**

**"O God, You Search Me"  
(Psalm 139)**

**O God, You Search Me**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*(Prayer requests may be noted on the clipboard on the Usher stand, in the narthex.)*

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**Offertory**

**"Beach Spring"**

**Bisbee**

**\*Doxology #716, vs. 3**

**"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

**Beach Spring**

**Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.**

**\*Dedication**

**\*HYMN #719**

**"Come, Labor On"**

**Ora Labora**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*Response #26 (refrain)**

**"Earth and All Stars!"**

**Earth and All Stars**

**God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**Diemer**