

**Order of Worship**  
**August 21, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 71:1-5)

Leader: In you, O Lord, do we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.

**People: In your righteousness, O Lord, deliver us and rescue us; incline your ear to us and save us.**

Leader: Be to us, O God, a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, when we find ourselves in the presence of wickedness.

**People: Rescue us, O God, from the hand of the evil one, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

**All: For you, O Lord, are our hope, in you do we place our trust, every day.**

\*Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" # 138

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**O God, you have created all things to give you praise and glory, and in Jesus Christ, you have called us to love you with our whole hearts and minds and souls and strength. But, we confess that we have often praised and glorified ourselves – how we look, what we can do, the things we have come to own in our lives. In doing so, we have allowed our love for you to go cold. Forgive us Lord, for our pride and ingratitude and restore in us faithful devotion to your truth and honor. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Confession Response: **"Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us."** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Sermon: "Our God Is a Consuming Fire"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 260

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

\*Hymn: "Take Time to Be Holy" insert

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: "God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again."