

MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11th Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 20, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Large print bulletins are available from the Ushers.

Hearing Assistance Devices – see the Sound Operator, Chris Miller or Eric Burgmann.

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

"Largo"

Samuel Wesley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josef Schneider

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 worshipping. (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.

GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

We gather today to lift up immigrants who live and work in our community. We give thanks for the many gifts and talents they bring to our nation.

We give thanks and pray for all living in our community, but especially those who are immigrants among us.

There are over 32 million immigrants in the U.S. living and working in cities, suburbs and rural areas across the nation. One in eight workers today is foreign born. Except for Native Americans, we were all once new to this country. Some of us came to the U.S. escaping poverty or oppression. Others of us were forced here on slave ships. Still others came seeking opportunity.

New immigrants come for many of the same reasons. Most immigrants come escaping poverty and oppression and seeking opportunities. Scripture tells us:

"Don't mistreat any foreigners who live in your land. Instead, treat them as well as you treat citizens and love them as much as you love yourself. Remember, you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God."

We serve a God who wants justice for all of God's people.

God desires justice for native born and foreign born alike. All people are children of God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN #762

"When the Poor Ones"

El Camino

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Confession (Unison)

**Tender and Fierce God, whose work is justice and whose delight is mercy,
forgive us for ignoring the cries of workers**

who labor under the tyranny of harassment, violence and poverty.

Free us from greed that comforts our bodies and eats away at our souls.

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

***Response #811**

“Make Your Face to Shine”

Gláucia

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in D Minor”

Johann Pachelbel