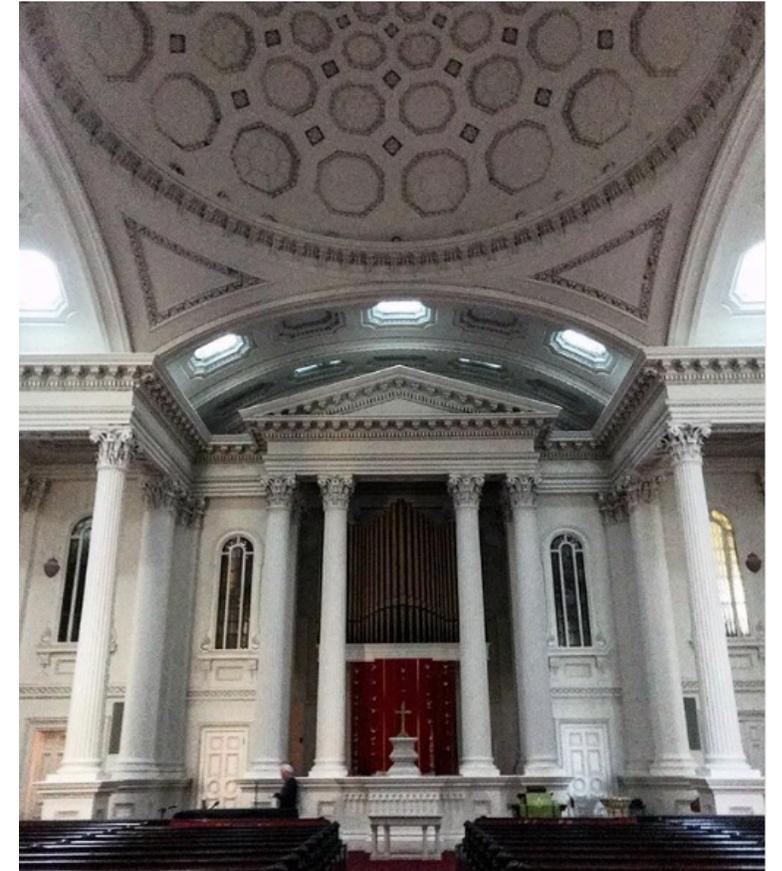


ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021
PENTECOST 15



Welcome from ASPC's
Beautiful Sanctuary

WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

- Welcome to our visitors!
- Thank you for nominations! Church meeting on
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SONG OF PRAISE - BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE
COMPOSER: MARTHA MUNIZZI

**Because of who you are, I give you glory;
Because of who you are, I give you praise.
Because of who you are, I will lift my voice and say
Lord, I worship you because of who you are.
Lord, I worship you because of who you are.**

**Jehovah Jireh, my provider.
Jehovah Nissi, Lord, you reign in victory.
Jehovah Shalom, my Prince of Peace.
And I worship you because of who you are (2x).**

WELCOME TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Call To Worship

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

**OPENING HYMN: LORD OF ALL GOOD
ALBERT F. BAYLY, TEXT
GENEVAN PSALTER, COMPOSER**

**1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

**2 We give our minds to understand your ways;
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,
till for your glory all our powers combine.**

**3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious and merciful God, forgive us for past faults and help us in the present and future to make ourselves more available to the hurting world that surrounds us – the world that begins on our doorsteps. Equip us to be patient and compassionate listeners, proclaiming the gospel not in overbearing ways but sensitively and lovingly. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and active witnesses to Jesus in all we do and say.

A moment for silent reflection and confession

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

All: Amen.

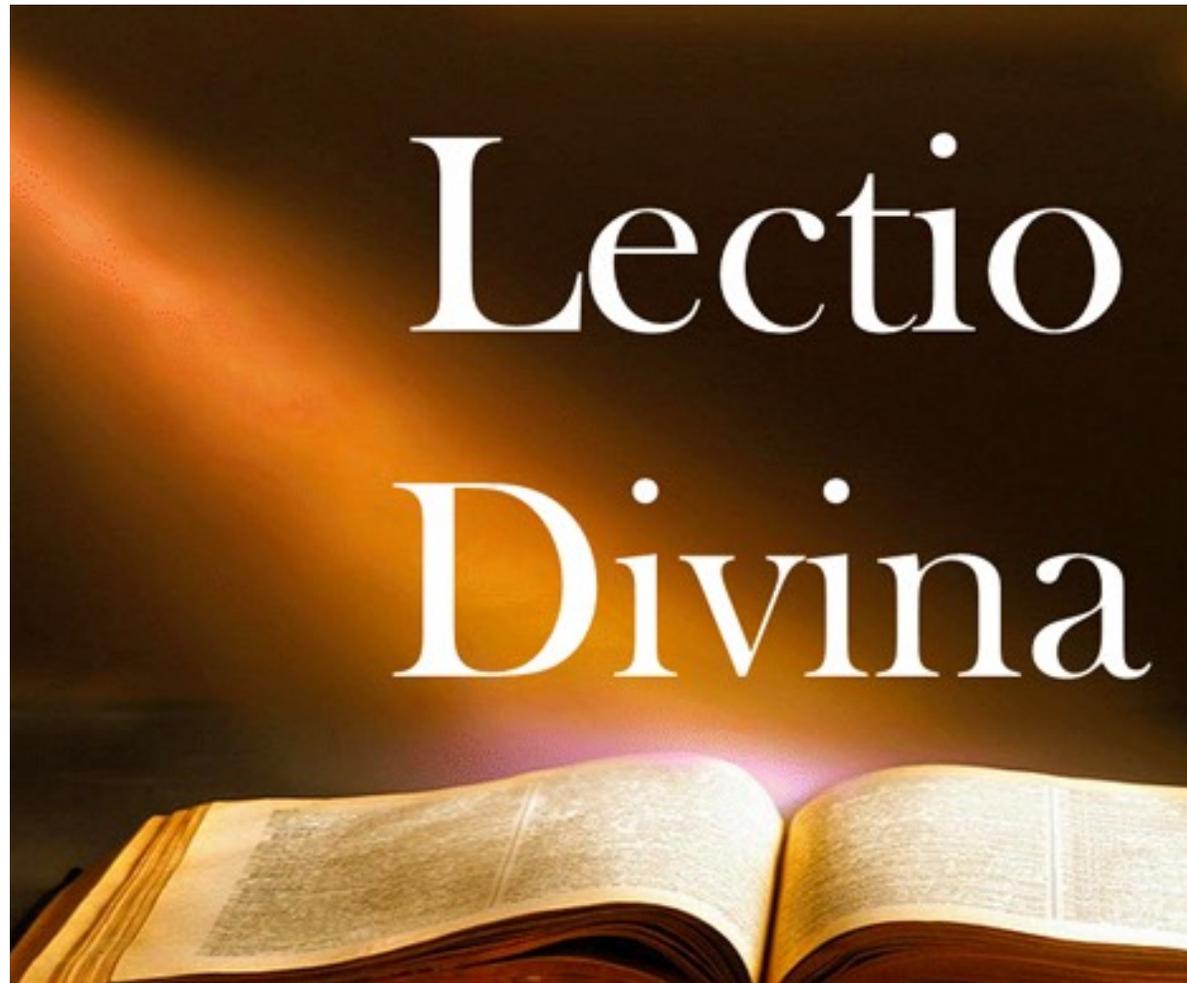
SCRIPTURE READING - JAMES 1:17-27

1:17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

MEDITATION AND LECTIO DIVINA



RESPONSE TO THE WORD

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

1 Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2 Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3 O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4 Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

AN INVITATION AND A BLESSING

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