

Morning Prayer

July 31, 2022

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 13C

Prelude

All stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal 628

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

Opening Sentence

The Presider says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of the Holy One, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Presider says

Fear not, sisters and brothers: God, who is full of grace and abounding in steadfast love, meets us in our sin and transforms us for God's glory and the healing of God's world. Our sins are forgiven; let us be now at peace. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia. God is the Rock of our salvation:
O come, let us worship. Alleluia.

Invitatory

**May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
serve you with gladness and come before your presence with a song.
For we know that you are God; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours; we are your people
and the sheep of your pasture.
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving, go into your courts with praise,
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
For you are good; your mercy is everlasting, *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 49:1-11

¹Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
²**My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**
³I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
⁴**Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**
⁵The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
⁶**We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;**
⁷For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
⁸**In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.**
⁹For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and foolish, they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
¹⁰**Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.**
¹¹Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

All sit.

The Lessons

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Canticle A : A Song of Wisdom

Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b-21

Sapientia liberavit

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors *

a holy people and a blameless race.

She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.

To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
and led them by a marvelous way;

She was their shelter by day *
and a blaze of stars by night.

She brought them across the Red Sea, *
she led them through mighty waters;

But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.

And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, *
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;

For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, *
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Hymn

Hymnal 641

Lord Jesus, think on me

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op-pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, with the first four lines of the hymn corresponding to the notes above them.

from harm - ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav - en - ly way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

All sit.

Third Reading

Luke 12:13-34

A Reading from Luke.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”



²² He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and

your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

The Apostles' Creed

The Presider and the People

I believe in God, **the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in **Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

All remain standing as they are able.

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider and the People

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Presider Sisters and brothers, let us offer our prayers to our Loving, Liberating and Life-giving God with humility, saying, “Great and holy God, incline your ear to us.”

Intercessor Set our minds on things divine, O God, that your Church may guard itself against the love of earthly things, and instead be rich towards you. Incline your ear to our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Incline your ear to all those gathered in England for the 15th Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Communion. Incline your ear to all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at All Saints’, Pontiac, St John’s, Plymouth, and Holy Spirit, Carreras, in the Dominican Republic, for the Church in the Province of West Africa, and for all the members of Christ’s body. Great and holy God, **incline your ear to us.**

Silence is kept

Give us, and those of every nation, grace to be wise and generous stewards, O God. Open our eyes to see your abundance and our reliance. May all who dwell in the world, those of both high degree and low, incline their hearts to wisdom and meditate on understanding. May we realize that in Christ all human distinctions cease to matter. We pray for justice and peace. Great and holy God, **incline your ear to us.**

Silence is kept

Bless all those to whom we are connected. May we value our relationships more than our possessions. We pray in gratitude and thanksgiving all that you give us [especially for _____.]

Comfort and heal all those who are in pain or sorrow or any kind of trouble [especially _____]. May we, who have known sorrow, pain and trouble, show them mercy and compassion and remind them of the hope we have in Christ.

We acknowledge our mortality before you, Everlasting God, and we rejoice in the hope of being raised with your Christ. We remember before you those who have died [especially _____], and the lives of our forebears; may they find, in you, rest from their labors. Great and holy God, **incline your ear to us.**

Silence is kept

Presider We thank you, Holy One, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the dominion of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Tune: Hymnal 529

In Christ, there is no east or west

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

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him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

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ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

The musical score is written for three voices (1, 2, 3) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal lines. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Postlude

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to [Nancy](#) who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive** is **August 14**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Our congregation is in need of Delegates and Alternates to the annual Diocesan Convention. The convention will be held at Suburban Showcase/Hyatt Place in Novi on October 21 and 22. **We need two more** Delegates, and three Alternates. If you want to attend the Friday sessions of convention and stay at the hotel, there is a group rate and the church will cover the room cost. Please contact [Kathy O](#) or [Kitty](#) as soon as possible stating your willingness to serve. More Convention information is [here](#).

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Next Sunday, August 7, we will feature two things in our worship:

First, we will celebrate our friends with August birthdays and/or Anniversaries. Please join us for a prayer at the Altar for your special day!

Second, we will resume our long practice of bring forward the elements of Eucharist from the back of the church. It is fitting that we present not just monetary gifts to God, but the work of the earth and human hands in the Bread and Wine. All of these are our oblations, our gifts to God. IF YOU would like to help with this, please let [Kathy O](#), [Jan S](#), or [Jan V](#) know! Young or old, you are welcome to share this ministry of offering.

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Coffee Hour sign-up sheet for August is available in the church hall. *Please sign up* to bring *simple* food and/or to clean up after. If you have questions, please contact [Kitty](#).

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Upcoming Commemorations

- July 31 Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Spiritual Writer, 1556
- August 1 Joseph of Arimathea
- 2 Samuel Ferguson: Missionary Bishop for West Africa, 1916
- 3 George Freeman Bragg, Jr.: Priest, 1940;
and, William Edward Burghardt DuBois: Sociologist, 1963
- 5 Albrecht Dürer, 1528, Matthias Grünewald, 1529, Lucas Cranach, 1553: Artists
- 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Notes on today's hymn "Lord Jesus, think on me"

"Benjamin Britten, a 20th century composer, used both the text and the tune of "Lord Jesus think on me" in his score for the church drama *Noye's fludde (Noah's flood)*, a setting of the Chester Miracle Play.

If you attend *Noye's fludde* for the first time, a surprise is in store for you. For as soon as you settle down in your seat or lean back in your pew, ready to relax and watch and listen, you find that the entire congregation is obliged to stand and sing "Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin"—the entire hymn. Meanwhile, out of the corner of your eye, you glimpse Noye (or Noah) walking through your midst to the empty stage. He kneels to hear the voice of God: "*I see my people in deede and thoughte Are settle full fowle in synne.*" Thus begins the medieval —yet very contemporary—drama of the consequences of *synne*, or sin.

You soon see the story of a flood which engulfs the world and destroys all except those aboard that strange ship, "*three hundreth cubettes longe, and fiftie brode, to make yt stronge.* Yet Noye and his family are safe in the ark, riding on the destructive waves. You are relieved, because, very early in the drama, the hymn has invited you to become a participant rather than a spectator, and to seek refuge with the unusual passengers in that symbolic vessel.

I am glad we have the story of the flood in our Bibles. It reminds me of the Ark where I can find shelter when I feel in imminent danger of drowning. We need an ark today, an ark called Jesus. We need to know that he "thinks on us," through the proof given us by the Incarnation. We need to know God in human life. We need Good Friday. We need Easter. We need to know that when we confess our harmful passions and corroding sins, we can indeed be forgiven and healed. We need to know that there is Rest at the end of our travail, that there is a Goal at the end of our wanderings.

Above all, we need to know that our turbulent worlds, both the one in our hearts and the one outside us, are not the only worlds there are. We need to know that there is awaiting us, at the end of our time on earth, an Ark illumined by eternal brightness, whose building specifications we

cannot even imagine. We do know that it will have something to do with the Lord Jesus who ‘thinks on us’ both during our lives and afterwards. We also know that we will continue to share the joy of the voyage which began when we first turned towards him.”

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July 31, 2022 – Pentecost 13C

Gifts to the Church by Episcopal Convents and Monasteries: The Order of Saint Helena

The Order of Saint Helena describes their commitment to inclusive and expansive language for worship.

What is inclusive/expansive language?

Inclusive language attempts to represent all and to respect the dignity of all human beings created in the image of God. For example:

Book of Common Prayer: “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High....”

Saint Helena Psalter: “They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High....” (Psa. 91:1)

Book of Common Prayer: “Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!”

Saint Helena Psalter: “Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!” (Psa. 133:1)

Expansive language utilizes the fullest possible expression of human language to represent the infinite being of the Divine. For example:

Book of Common Prayer: “He that planted the ear, does he not hear? He that formed the eye, does he not see?”

Saint Helena Psalter: “Does the one who planted the ear not hear; does the one who formed the eye not see?” (Psa. 94:9)

Book of Common Prayer: “The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel....”

Saint Helena Psalter: “God is sovereign, clothed in splendid apparel....” (Psa. 93:1a)

Why use inclusive/expansive language in worship?

Worship is a highly personal space in which we connect with God and learn of God’s all-encompassing love. Inclusive/expansive language attempts to bring human language as close as possible to describing the comprehensive presence of God and welcomes all into the community of faith.

How is the Order of Saint Helena involved in inclusive/expansive liturgy?

Since our founding in 1945, we have looked to empower women in our community and in the church. We were the first order to promote the ordination of sisters and have provided ongoing support and encouragement for women clergy in the church. Our Sr. Mary Michael was the first religious sister to be ordained.



In the 1990s, we began editing the psalter to replace male designations for God with neutral language. We attempt to stay as close as possible to the *Book of Common Prayer* translation and the Hebrew original, as well as to retain the beautiful cadence of the language. After editing the text, we prayed with the revised psalter for many months, and then adjusted the text over and over again. We continue to revise the Daily Office and Eucharistic prayers that we use in our chapel. We offer this work to the church in support of inclusive/expansive language for worship. For more information about *The Saint Helena Psalter* and *The Saint Helena Breviary* see www.osh.org/breviary.

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Invitatory Psalm 100 from the *Saint Helena Psalter*, p.159.

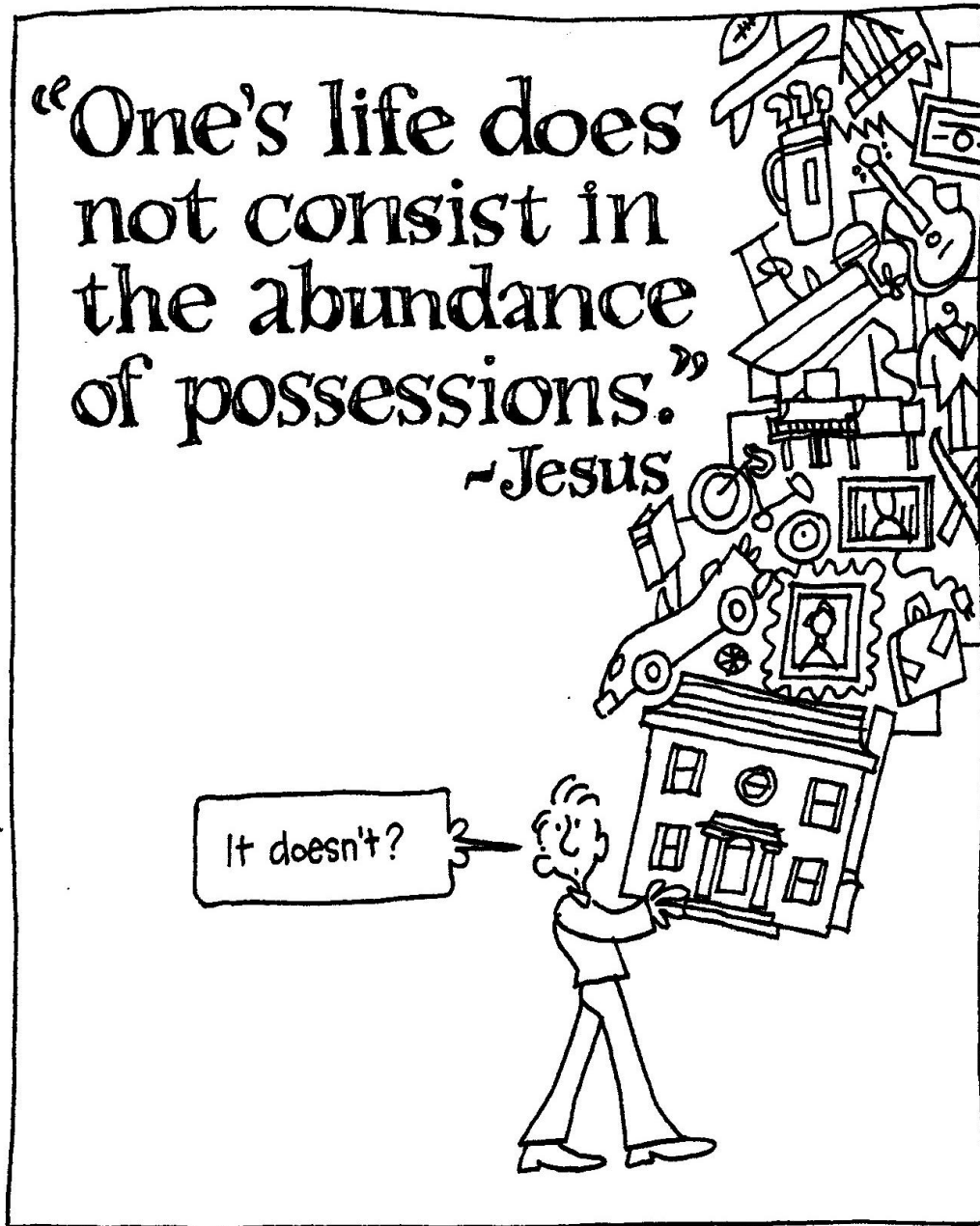
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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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