

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2023

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Hymnals are available if you like to read notes.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Ann Marie Conner

Worship, Music, and Theology Committee

Introit

CALL TO WORSHIP* (from Psalm 149)

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done. Give thanks to the Lord. God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise are due to the Lord!

HYMN* "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" 435

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have counted on generosity, but we have not always shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us, and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God.

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon / Passing of the Peace*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me. And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me. And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 16:2-15

Rosemary Cole

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

"Always By Our Side"

GOSPEL* - Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON "Getting Our Fair Share" Dr. Linda Dickerson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Henry Franklin Green and Isabelle Renee Green, Children of Corey and Lisa Green

. . . Let us together now profess the faith we share using the ancient words of 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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

... Let us welcome the newly baptized:

Henry and Izzy, with joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

HYMN* "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" 486

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

POSTLUDE (please remain seated)

FELLOWSHIP TIME (everyone is invited!)

SUNDAY SCHOOL