

Service for the Lord's Day
September 19, 2021
We Gather to Worship God

Introit "There Is a Redeemer" 1 Corinthians 1: 30

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for a moment of personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*Congregational Response

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

*The Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please wave to each other to pass the Peace of Christ)

God's Word to Us

Special Music: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" APC choir

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: Psalm 23:5-6 (pg. 382 in pew bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title:

"Home"

Rev. Julie Fuller

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Responding to God's Word

***Hymn #459** "O Word of God Incarnate"

***Affirmation of Faith**

Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer & the **Lord's Prayer**

Presentation of God's Tithes and our Offerings

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Sending into the World

***Hymn #839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (v. 1&2)

***Benediction**

***Hymn #839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (v. 3)

**Please stand if able*

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