

August 6, 2023
10th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Pavane pour une infant défunte" Ravel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord gives food in due season; Ps. 145:15-16

God satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. John 6:34-35

Give us this bread always.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #463 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Ps. 103:17

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #816 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Young children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION HYMN: GTG #525

LET US BREAK BREAD

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
The elements will be passed through the pews.
A gluten-free option is available
on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. Amen.

Older children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jas. 1:17

OFFERTORY

"Waltz, Op. 39 No. 15"

Brahms

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

(Germany, 1563)

29. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?
Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.

31. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?
Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

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PSALM

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 9:1-5

N.T. page 121

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

N.T. page 12

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

The word of God.

We praise you, O Lord.

SERMON

Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #649

AMAZING GRACE

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

+**BLESSING**

Rev. 1:8

... be with you now and always.

Amen!

+**CHARGE**

1 Pet. 4:10-11

... forever and ever. Amen.

Thanks be to God!

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** GTG #748

TALLIS' CANON

"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE

"Noturno"

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**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.**

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Monte Shuck

Greeters: Lisa and Jill Castle

Communion Servers: Ron Dlouhy, Kelli Green,

Jane Hamelink, and Greg Lang

Sound: Tim Hammond

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Camille Subject

Today's flowers are given by

Jenny Bond

in memory of

John, Kurt, and Marty Bond

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#46. *Second Missionary Journey:*

Paul completes his second Gospel-spreading excursion, returning to Antioch by way of Ephesus, Caesarea, and Jerusalem. (Acts 18:18-22) (c. AD 52)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 86. Does resurrection hope mean that we don't have to take action to relieve the suffering of this world?

No. When the great hope is truly alive, small hopes arise even now for alleviating the sufferings of the present time. Reconciliation — with God, with one another, and with oneself — is the great hope God has given to the world. While we commit to God the needs of the whole world in our prayers, we also know that we are commissioned to be instruments of God's peace. When hostility, injustice and suffering are overcome here and now, we anticipate the end of all things — the life that God brings out of death, which is the meaning of resurrection hope.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Visitation for Steve VanDyke	4:00—7:00 pm
Monday	Visitation for Steve VanDyke	10:00-10:50 am
	Memorial Service for Steve VanDyke	11:00 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:00 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 pm
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

none this week (that we know of)
Does the church office have your birthday?

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Jacob and the Angel
by Gustav Moreau, 1878

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*
(Galatians 5:22-23)