

October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Serenade" Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Pine Ridge Dinner Rex Hauser

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Pray always, and do not lose heart. Luke 18:1, 8
God will grant justice to the faithful.
Those who love the Lord, God will deliver; Ps. 91:14-15
when they call, God will answer them.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION Rom. 3:23-24

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 2 Cor. 5:17
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Matt. 22:21

OFFERTORY

"Holy Lamb of God"

Khill

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

(Germany, 1563)

53. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?
First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.

Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

O.T. page 62

PSALM

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your name, O LORD;**

**they called upon you, and you answered them,
you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;**

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;

**you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD

and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

N.T. page 19

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Deut. 6:6

Keep these words in your heart.
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
We praise you, O Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ancient of Days"

Sadler / Harvill

Monte Shuck

SERMON

"Please Show Me Your Glory"

Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #542

GOD BE WITH YOU

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

+**BLESSING**

Num. 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

Amen!

+**CHARGE**

Matt. 28:18-20

Go therefore and make disciples.
The Lord is with you always.

Thanks be to God!

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** GTG #748

TALLIS' CANON

"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE

"Intermezzo in e"

Ponce

*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: Kelli Green

Greeters: Rex Hauser and Mary Garland Jackson

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by

Larry and Darlene Martin

in memory of Alice Smith

and Elaine Palmatier

The rose on the table in the Chancel
is to celebrate the birth of Loretta Elizabeth Mains,
daughter of Abby and Bryan Mains
and granddaughter of Tonya and Tom Seely,
born on October 9.

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#57. Defense:

Paul defends himself before the Roman Tribune and the Jewish Council.
After an assassination attempt, Paul is sent to the Governor.

(Acts 21:37—23:35) (c. AD 57)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 103. What is the best summary of the first four commandments?

These teach me how to live rightly with God. Jesus summed them up with the commandment he called the first and greatest: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matt. 22:37; Deut. 6:5).

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Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely.

DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:15 am
	Explorers Class	11:15 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Tim Caswell Oct. 22
Hope Bartlett Oct. 25

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(ruled AD 14 to AD 37)*

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