



## 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 2023

10:00 am

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### MEDITATION 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

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*We have been called to the banquet.*

**This is the feast.**

*We have been summoned to the wedding.*  
**This is the celebration of life and light.**

*From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.*  
**We have come to the banquet that has no end.**  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

HYMN\*                    *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*                    804

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Lord, you invite us to your feast and we do not come.**  
**You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our**  
**thanksgiving. You have made this wonderful earth, and**  
**we neglect the gift. For give us for what we have done,**  
**and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.**  
**Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do**  
**might give glory to you.**

**(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.**

**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 – Stu Bear

NEW TESTAMENT – Philippians 4:1-9                      Clark Gaylord

OFFERING OF MUSIC                                              Adult Choir  
*“Walk Worthy”*

GOSPEL\* – Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON                      *“RSVP and Getting Dressed”* Dr. Linda  
Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE\* *(from The Confession of 1967)*

**We believe that the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN\*      *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*      415

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

CHORAL RESPONSE\*      62

**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.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME *(everyone is invited!)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

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### UPCOMING

October 15 – Stated **Session** meeting after Sunday School

October 17, 7:00 pm on Zoom- "**The Proud Boys of the PTA:** How Moms for Liberty and Other Extremist Organizations are Impacting our Local School Boards." Tiffany Van Der Hyde, the Executive Director of We the People for Education will speak. Register at [justiceadvocates.net](http://justiceadvocates.net)