



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 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\* (from Psalm 96)

*Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.*

**Tell of God's saving power from day to day.**

*Worship the Lord in holy splendor.*

**Bow before God, all the earth.**

HYMN\*      *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

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### PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

## CONFESSION (UNISON)

**What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead we pay tribute to empire, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, we pray, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face.**  
**(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 – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10     Barbara Wierwille

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

*“What Does the Lord Require of You”*

GOSPEL\* – Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

*“Jesus and the IRS”*

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\*      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

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UPCOMING

What happened to the Postlude? For the last few months, we experimented with having everyone sit down during the postlude, so that we could all hear and appreciate Pat’s musical gifts. The worship committee has decided to eliminate the postlude, so that folks can get up and talk without drowning out music.

October 29, 12:30-1:30 – An informational gathering hosted by the Session and the Memorial Garden Work Group will be held on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church. There will be a short presentation followed by a question and answer period to collect input before the Session votes on the garden project at its November meeting. We will not be voting at this gathering. If you have questions but are unable to attend this gathering, please email your questions to Heidi Harper, harperheidia@gmail.com.