

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Laity Sunday**

**October 19, 2008**

**10:50 AM**

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

**WELCOME/MEDITATION**

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Any prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.

**Special Collection for Stop Hunger Now Program**

**Dina Giese**

**Prelude**

*Trust and Obey*

**Adult Handbells**

**\* Call to Worship**

**Dave Poole**

Turn from your idols to recognize the One True God; the Creator of the universe is with us here.

**We celebrate the nearness of the Living God, whom all time and space cannot contain.**

God meets you in this place, this hour, and in all your yesterdays and tomorrows.

**We cannot travel beyond the reach of God's love or escape the intensity of God's wrath.**

Widows, orphans, sojourners, and poor folk, come to meet the Compassionate One.

**God meets our needs as a Gentle Nurse and silences critics with a word of love.**

Let us celebrate with joy and gratitude the deliverance that God offers in Jesus Christ.

**We will lift our voices to declare our faith and renew our commitment to share ourselves.**

**\*Processional Hymn**

*O Worship the King*

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**\*Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise**

*Peace Like a River*

**TFWS 2145**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (stanzas 1 & 4)*

**TFWS 2153**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 33:12-23*

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Moses continues his intercessory role – this time for God's assurance of support for his leadership of the people and for the assurance of the Divine Presence as he leads the people. God responds with the promise of ever-abiding presence. Then Moses asks to see God's glory. God responds by allowing Moses to see the "after-glow" of the Divine Glory as God proclaims the Divine Name from a safe distance.

*Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.*

**Act of Praise**

*My Anchor Holds*

**Towner**

Men's Quartet

**Children's Message**

**Delaine Arbogast**

**Children's Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Unison**

Let us pray: **With our gifts we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, knowing that the good news we take to the world is muted not so much by active opposition, as by our passive disregard. May the act of giving inspire us to invest ourselves anew in the programs and people you want us to reach with your love. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Come Unto Me*

**Blankenship**

Women's Ensemble

**\*Doxology**

*Give Thanks*

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**\*Hymn**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me*

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**\*Gospel Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

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In the temple, a group of Pharisees try to trap Jesus, but he traps them in their own hypocrisy and divided allegiances.

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**Message**

*"In The Presence of God"*

**Chris White**

**RESPONSE**

**Prayers of the People**

**John Wermuth**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Unison**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn**

*Here I Am, Lord*

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**\*Commission and Blessing**

You have heard again the great commandments: take them with you and live by them.

**We will love the Sovereign God with all our heart, soul, and mind.**

Do you mean that? Will you live to please God? Will the love of God come first in your life?

**We will love the Sovereign God with all our heart, soul, and mind.**

When you do that, everything in the world changes. People will nevermore be confused with things.

**We will do no wrong to our sisters and brothers; we will love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Do you mean that? Is it your full intent? Will love dominate all your thoughts and actions?

**We will love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and we will love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

**\*Benediction/Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude**

*Rock of Ages*

**Trad. Jewish melody**

**\*Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance.**

**Welcome!** We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of our grandmother, Eunice Sower's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday by the Runge Family. The **Lay Reader** is Joy Richardson. The **Greeters** for this morning are Elizabeth and Andrew Rumford. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis.

**The Upper Room** devotional for November and December is now available for you to pick up. This devotional guide is available on the table in the hall across from the church office. A suggested donation of \$0.75 for small print and \$1.00 for large print is requested.

**Church Council meets Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00 PM.** Everyone is invited, and encouraged, to attend your Church Council meetings. This is the governing leadership body of your church. Your Council meets on the third Tuesday night of every month. At these meetings you can hear the most up to date financial reporting, gain insight into specific ministry efforts, and participate in the discussions of issues which impact on our church. Although voting is restricted to elected and appointed leadership, you have the opportunity to be heard in this open forum. We respectfully ask that any presentations or items for consideration be submitted in writing at least one week prior to a meeting so that any supporting documentation can be viewed and prayerfully considered by the entire Council. In this way our discussions or questions can be accomplished in the most effective and complete manner.

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*We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world*

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