

Service for the Lord's Day

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Concerto in D minor: Andante

Antonio Vivaldi

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

(based on Isaiah 55:1-3)

Is anyone thirsty?

Come to the waters, all you who thirst.

Is anyone hungry?

Come, buy wine, milk, and bread without money or price.

Are we invited? Is this invitation for us?

Yes, God invites all to draw near.

How can we be sure?

God says, "Incline your ear and come to me, so that you may live."

Come, let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

Knowing that our God walks with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, and our struggles, we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy.

Litany of Confession

*For the times we fail to offer hospitality
to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:*

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

*For the times we lack courage to address the causes
of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray:*

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

*For the times we give in to despair and resignation
when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray:*

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

*For the times we allow our fears to triumph
over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God:*

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

Merciful God, heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world.

Create in us an invitational spirit, a heart overflowing with hospitality.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Forgiveness of Sins

Come, all you who are thirsty. Come, all you who are hungry.

**Thanks be to God who fills our lives with grace and mercy,
who feeds us, and gives us the waters of life.**

Through Christ we are forgiven and made whole. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 584

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

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And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.

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◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Anthem (11:00)

Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki

arr. Mark Burrows

Text can be found at no. 465 in the hymnal; sung in English and Swahili.

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from the *Belhar Confession*

In life and death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God and the Holy Spirit.

In a broken and fearful world, we believe the Spirit gives us courage to unmask idolatries in both Church and culture.

We long to hear the voices of people long silenced and we celebrate in our midst those who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit we affirm our desire and intention to include all,

to nurture our faith, to value community, to imagine change, to think, to learn, and to embody Christ.

We invite others to join us in this journey of faith. We invite ourselves to grow, change, love, and serve one another.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

◆ Hymn (11:00)

What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you?
 To seek jus-tice and love kind-ness and walk hum-bly with your God.
 Jus - tice, kind - ness, walk hum-bly with your God.

Prayer of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God hymnal, p. 35

◆ Hymn 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

Postlude

Sonata

Bernardo Pasquini

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are in memory of her parents, from Liza Millett.

What's Happening at Westminster

Sunday, October 17

- 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds
- 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal
- 12:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Library
- 1 p.m. UKirk CROP Hunger Walk
- 3 p.m. Peace, Justice, & Inclusion Division Meeting

Monday, October 18

- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

Wednesday, October 20

- 12 p.m. Men's Breakfast Group Meeting via Zoom
- 7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

Thursday, October 21

- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 24

- 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds
- 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

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