

# Service for the Lord's Day

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 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

*Fugue in G*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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 475

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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Call to Confession

## 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.*

## Moment for Mission

Mark Outlaw

## God's Word to Us

First Reading

Matthew 28:18-20

Anthem (11:00) *Lamb of God* Samuel Webbe

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
Lord, have mercy on us.*

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Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takest away our sins,  
grant us thy peace.*

Second Reading Acts 8:26-39

Sermon The Joyful Conspiracy Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**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 477 (11:00) **Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord** TALLIS' ORDINAL

Prayer of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer Glory to God hymnal p. 35

◆ Hymn 297 **In Christ Called to Baptize** ST. DENIO

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

Postlude *St. Denio* Rosalie Bonington

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The organist for today's service is Roger Authers.

*The flowers today are in memory of D. Nelson Limber from Marian, Sue and Ellen Limber.*

*The rose on the table today celebrates the birth of Sora Laurel Garth,  
granddaughter of Debby and David Garth and cousin of Peter, Melody, Annabelle and Eden.*

# What's Happening

*at Westminster*

## **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

12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Library

## **Thursday, October 28**

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **Sunday, October 31**

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School; Pumpkin Decorating Activities

12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

1 p.m. Rest and Play: A Conversation for Young Adults with Rev. Dr. Lakisha Lockhart

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