

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

NETTLETON

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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