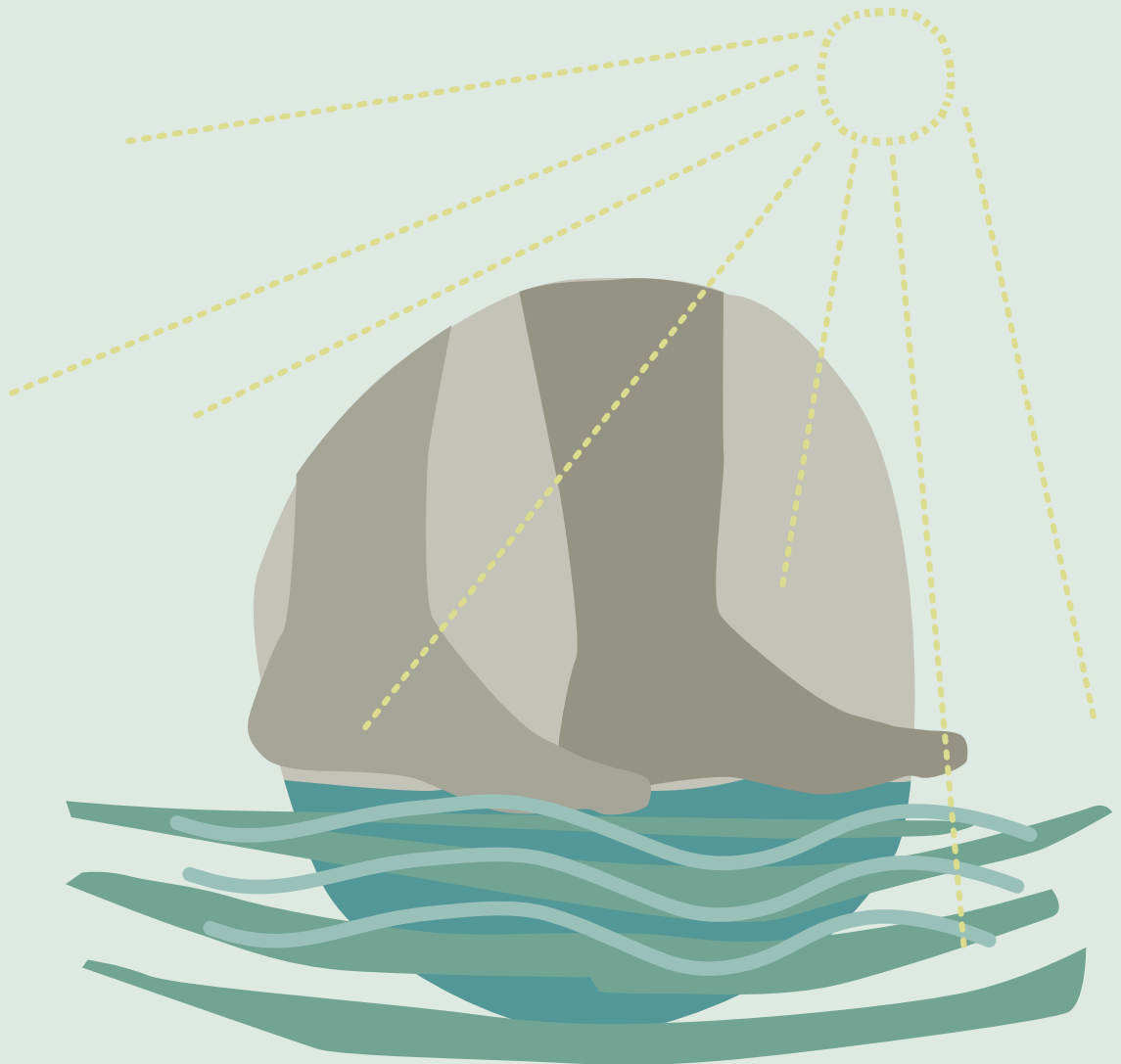


ABIDE

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 13, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day in an unexpected season. Around the globe, this is a time of ecological crisis, political instability, war and rumors of war, and scarcity for a large portion of the population. Where can we turn for help, stability, and peace? Is it possible that we must lower our expectations of God's protection, care, and providence?

God's people have faced dire seasons before, proclaiming the promise of help, justice, and provision that comes from on high.

God's people have confessed their sins, their contributions to the problems they find themselves in, and even their lack of faith in such challenging times. Is this the last word?

No. In the end, God's people proclaimed the hope of a renewed and redeemed tomorrow because they have seen the hope of God's renewal and redemption before. May it be for us as well.

ALL: In that same spirit of confidence and trust, let us worship our God.

***HYMN #24: Praise the Lord, His Glories Show**

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (*Old Testament page 34*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (*Old Testament page 556*) **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:5-15 (*New Testament page 160*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 14:22-33 (*New Testament page 16*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #433:** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #341:** *Amazing Grace*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #625: I Then Shall Live**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious,
Gracious to you.**

**The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you
Give you,
Give you peace.**

POSTLUDE

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*

Welcome!



Special thanks to our guest musician, Nat Bartels!

GREETERS: Dawn and Jane Leach

READERS: Colin and Sarah Quackenbush

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lauren Pattie

USHER: Corbin Sheffels

COFFEE SERVERS: Tom and Jean Mohrweis

LIVESTREAM: Signe

