WELCOME HOME

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 24, 2023



TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP THIS SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We gather together ...

PRELUDE: The Church's One Foundation

Don Hustad

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

To what do we attribute great power and influence? Strong governments? Powerful militaries? Astounding inventions and scientific breakthroughs?

No, all of these pale in comparison to the greatness of our God.

Yet when disaster strikes, what can sufficiently meet the needs of desperate people, reeling communities, devasted environments, and a wounded planet?

Only our God, the author of all life, hope, and justice can heal the wounds and right the wrongs of our world.

So then, what ought we do? How ought we respond?

We will worship our God in faith and hope because of the redeeming and restorative power of our God's love.

*HYMN #58: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

***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

Exodus 16:2-15 (Old Testament page 62)

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

PSALM

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (Old Testament pages 556-567) Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30 (New Testament page 196) Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16 (New Testament pages 21-22)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM: Lead Me, Lord

Lead Me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Lead Me, Lord, lead me in true holiness, teach me to love and trust in thee. Thou art our God, the God of our Salvation, all nations shall praise thy holy name.

SERMON: Rev. Todd Johnson

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

***HYMN** #721: God of All Living

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. Samuel Wesley

... in the places we now go.

***HYMN** #608: God of Grace and God of Glory

*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: Cwm Rhondda

J. Bart Carlson

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

Welcome!



GREETERS: Dawn and Jane Leach READERS: Aaron and Rachael Nilson CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Andrea Johnson USHER: Cinda Madonna COFFEE SERVERS: Stephanie Nelson and Kendall Magnuson LIVESTREAM: Catelyn

