

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PARENTS' SUNDAY

11:00AM

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

### GATHERING

#### \*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Here in this place, there are no strangers,

P: for all are welcome in God's house.

L: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

P: for love is the language of faith.

L: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

P: for God dwells in each of us.

L: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE     *"Your Love Awakens"*

\*SONG OF PRAISE                 *"Lion and the Lamb"*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OBSERVE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

With an outstretched hand, and an open heart, I invite you to greet one another at a distance saying to each other, "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

### A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                 Ruth 1:1-16                                 NRSV

EPISTLE LESSON                             Ephesians 3:1-20                             The Message

WITNESS TO THE WORD                 *Celebrating Our Families*                 Rev. Jim Rogers  
  *"In the Fullness of God"*

OFFERTORY             \*please consider giving a donation to LUMC Snack Sack Ministry, or Epworth Children's Home Give "Backpack" Mission today. Make your check out to "Epworth," or "Backpack mission."

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*"Great Are You Lord"*

### A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

#### THE INVITATION

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON (IN UNISON):

ALL: God, deep within our hearts, we know how we have failed to be your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the ways of the world reveals our foolishness.

Have mercy on us, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on us whose lives are thirsty for your grace. Feed us with your heavenly bread, so we might be made full by your gentleness. Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a church family in service to everyone we meet.

- (please take a moment to offer prayers of confession to God in silence) -

#### Words of Assurance:

L: The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts from God are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

P: Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ.

ALL: Glory to God! Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)

#### PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### BREAKING THE BREAD

#### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (RESPONSIVELY):

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamor and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever. Amen.

Meghan F. Benson (former Chaplain of Duke Div.)

\*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

*"Your Promises"*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

*\*Please stand as you are able*