

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

GATHERING

*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

P: but Christ who chose us.

L: That we are not here because of our goodness

P: but because of Christ's grace,

L: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

P: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

L: That we have not come to be entertained

P: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *"Every Beat"*

*SONG OF PRAISE *"Search My Heart"*

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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10 The Message

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-20 The Message

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Celebrating Our Adventure* Rev. Jim Rogers
 "A Kingdom of Amateurs"

WATER MISSION VIDEO

OFFERTORY *please consider giving a donation to "Water Mission," or to our General Fund for LUMC.

*SONG OF PRAISE

"King of Kings"

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

THE INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON (RESPONSIVE):

L: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

P: Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.

L: Forgive us when we are chained by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

P: Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.

L: Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

P: Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship.

L: Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed.

P: Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks of faith.

L: Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

Words of Assurance:

L: Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

ALL: Thanks be 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

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE *"Way Maker"*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

***Please stand as you are able**