

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GRANDPARENTS' SUNDAY

11:00AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

GATHERING

*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Ex. 20:12, 2 Tim. 1:5

L: God's Word declares: "Honor your father and your mother,

P: so that your days may be long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

L: God's Word declares: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you."

P: We thank God for grandparents who "grandly" love, nurture, and lead.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE *"Set Free"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAYING GOODBYE TO PASTOR ELIZABETH

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 Proverbs 17:6 NLT

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-14 NLT

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Celebrating Our Grandparents* Pastor Jim
"You Are the Pride of Your Children"

CELEBRATING OUR GRANDPARENTS VIDEO

OFFERTORY *As you come to the altar to give, please consider giving a special donation to the Annual Epworth "Work Day" Offering today, and take a communion cup with you back to your seat.

***SONG OF PRAISE** *"Word of God Speak"*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

THE INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON (IN UNISON):

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know – we have failed to keep your laws.

Again and again, we have followed our own interests, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives.

We have twisted your laws and traditions to suit our preferences and interests rather than your own.

Forgive us, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and Redeemer.

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

Words of Assurance:

L: Hear the good news: God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth generation those who walk in God's ways. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people. God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life. Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Let us rejoice in God's mercy! 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 *"O Come to the Altar"*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able