

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

## GATHERING

### \*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 2

L: Come, people of God!

Let us sing praises to the One who has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light!

**P: For once we were not a people at all,  
but now we are God's chosen people, precious in his sight!**

L: And as God's very own family, let's worship God together as one family!

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE      *"Glorious Day"*

\*SONG OF PRAISE      *"Battle Belongs"*

## 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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON):

Like newborn infants, our hungry spirits long to be fed. And like a loving parent, O God, you nourish us with your mercy and grace. Open our hearts and minds to the goodness of your word. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      1 Peter 2:1-10      NLT

GOSPEL LESSON      Luke 22:14-20      NLT

WITNESS TO THE WORD      *"A Chosen People"*      Pastor Jim

OFFERTORY      \*As you come to the altar to give your tithes and offerings, take a communion cup with you back to your seat.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*"Peace Be Still"*

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

### THE INVITATION

### CONFESSION AND PARDON (RESPONSIVE):

L: O God, you are our fortress and our rock,

**P: you are the foundation on which all things are built.**

L: You have made us one family and one people –

**P: a holy priesthood, chosen, and precious in your sight.**

L: Yet we often pursue our own plans,

**P: and ignore your designs for our lives.**

L: We reject those who are different from us,

**P: and build walls that separate us from each other and from you.**

L: Forgive us, O God. Tear down the barriers we have put up,

**P: and rescue us from our isolation.**

L: Gather together the living stones of our lives and make us into a holy temple,

**ALL: transformed by the marvelous light of your mercy and grace. Amen.**

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

### Words of Assurance:

L: Hear the good news: Do not worry or be troubled. When we ask for anything in Jesus's name, it will be done. Celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

**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      *"The Blessing"*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*Please stand as you are able