

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30AM AND 11:00AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

*RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING *(Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor.)*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (UMH#590) *Christ Loves the Church* J. Marshall

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively):

L: God has gathered us in this place,

P: WHERE WE HEAR THOSE STORIES WHICH SHOW US WHAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE.

L: God summons us to this place,

P: WHERE WE CAN LEARN HOW TO SERVE OUR GOD WITHOUT RESERVATION, OR HESITATION.

L: God will send us from this place,

P: TO TELL OTHERS OF HOPES AND DREAMS, SO THAT THEY, TOO, CAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW GOD. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#576 *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (as a group):

YOU DO NOT WANT US TO BE IGNORANT OF YOUR DREAMS AND HOPES FOR US, GOD OF HOLINESS, SO YOU SPEAK TO US IN PARABLES, SO THAT WE MIGHT PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO YOUR WORDS. YOU TELL US STORIES ABOUT OUR GRANDPARENTS IN THE FAITH SO THAT WE MIGHT BECOME MENTORS TO OUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND THEIRS. FILLING US WITH THE HOLY OIL OF GENEROSITY AND GRACE, YOU MAKE US READY TO WELCOME JESUS CHRIST INTO OUR LIVES, AND TO OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED. SO ON THIS DAY, WE CHOOSE TO SERVE YOU, GOD OF THE COMMUNITY, GOD OF THE CHURCH, GOD OF THE CHOSEN. AMEN.

ANTHEM *Nearer, My God, to Thee* Mason, arr. Stevens/J. Gatch
(Mike and Mary Clare Gatch)

GOSPEL LESSON #1 *Matthew 25:1-13* CEB

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Heather Connor/Video/8:30am
Lori Meyers/11:00am

*GOSPEL LESSON #2 *Matthew 26:1-13* CEB

*GLORIA PATRI #71

WITNESS TO THE WORD *What Does GOD Say About ...* Rev. L. Kim Eanes
The Future of Christ's Church?

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#590 *Christ Loves the Church*

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY *Darwall's 148th* J. Darwall/P. Gehring

*THE DOXOLOGY #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#569 *We've A Story to Tell to the Nations*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE (TFWS#2220) *We Are God's People* J. Brahms

**Please stand if you are able*