

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**8:30AM AND 11:00AM**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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#529)**                      *How Firm A Foundation*                      “K”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively):** *(Based on Psalm 33)*

L: Sing joyfully to the Lord!

P: PRAISE THE LORD WITH MUSIC!

L: Sing to Him a new song!

P: SING WITH SKILL AND JOY!

L: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord!

P: BLESSED IS THE PEOPLE GOD CHOSE FOR AN INHERITANCE!

L: From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all humanity.

P: FROM THE LORD’S DWELLING PLACE GOD WATCHES ALL WHO LIVE ON EARTH.

L: No nation is saved by the size of an army.

P: DESPITE ALL ITS’ GREAT STRENGTH IT CANNOT SAVE.

L: But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear God ...

P: ON THOSE WHOSE HOPE IS IN GOD’S UNFAILING LOVE.

L: In God our hearts rejoice, for we trust in the holy name of our Lord!

P: MAY GOD’S UNFAILING LOVE REST UPON US, FOR WE PUT OUR HOPE IN GOD! AMEN.

**\*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#732**                      *Come, We That Love the Lord*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**                      *Colossians 3:12-17*                      NRSV

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively):** *(Based on Colossians 3)*

L: If we were self sufficient, and had all the answers ...

P: WE WOULD NOT BE HERE, ALL WISE GOD.

L: If our achievements matched our aims, and if our deeds perfectly reflected our holiest vows ...

P: WE WOULD NOT BE SO SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY, GOD OF TRUTH AND GRACE.

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L: If we had cared for our neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ, and cherished our loved ones without selfishness or impatience ...

P: WE WOULD NOT BE SEEKING YOUR MERCY, REDEEMING GOD.

**PASTORAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS**

**ANTHEM**                      *I’ll Fly Away*                      A. Brumley  
(Charles Gatch, soloist/8:30am)

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      G. Young  
(LUMC Chancel Choir, 11am)

**A WORD TO THE CHILDREN**                      Heather Connor/Video/8:30am  
Pastor Kim/11:00am

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**                      *Matthew 5:1-2, 38-48*                      NRSV

**\*GLORIA PATRI #71**

**WITNESS TO THE WORD**                      *What Does GOD Say About ...*                      Rev. L. Kim Eanes  
*The Call of God’s Chosen People?*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#578**                      *God of Love and God of Power*

**PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER #895**

**OFFERTORY**                      *Now to the Holy Spirit, Let Us Pray*                      D. Buxtehude

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #95**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#664**                      *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE (#450)**                      *Creator of the Earth and Skies*                      J. Clark

*\*Please stand if you are able*