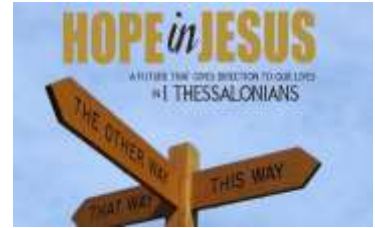


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Order of Worship

22nd Sunday of Pentecost

October 29, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“Fanfare on “Ein Feste Burg” - arr. Pethel*

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT - “O God, You Are My God” (Faith Choir)

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

The Lord of Light leads us on our way;

Let us sing praises to our loving God!

The God of understanding and wisdom leads us on the straight path;

We shout with joy at the gifts God has given us!

We give thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for leading the church;

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God forever!

* **OPENING HYMN - “The Church’s One Foundation” #321**

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God.***

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

***Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - "Upon This Rock" - Choplin (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Dear God, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit down upon us and open our ears, minds, and hearts to the wisdom and guidance of your word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 1

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON "The Joy of Being Presbyterian"

*** OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "The Apostles Creed"**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *"The Solid Rock"* - arr. Raney

*** DOXOLOGY** - Traditional

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

*** CLOSING HYMN** - *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* - #275

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand” - #832**
(verse 1)

Refrain:

***Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life.
He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.***

***There’s no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.
My voice cries to God from the flood, and I’m saved because of his
blood.***

Refrain:

***Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life.
He’s the solid rock of my life. He’s the solid rock of my life.***

*** POSTLUDE - “God the Omnipotent” - Thygerson**

