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**PROGRAM**

Coffee Fellowship Time Fellowship Hall (L.L.) 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.  
 Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care South Hallway 9:30 a.m.

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Closed  
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Thursday Closed  
 Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



October 22, 2023  
 10:00 a.m.  
**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**



**Thought for the Day before Worship**

*Jesus admonished the Pharisees, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."  
 These instructions are a matter not of either/or, but of both/and because everything, even what belongs to the emperor, is first God's.*

\*All who are able are welcome to stand

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *"Prelude on Beech Spring"* (Wilbur Held)

**Tower Bell**

**Introit**

If you will trust in God to guide you,  
 and hope in God through all your ways,  
 God will give strength, what-e'er betide you,  
 And bear you through the evil days.  
 Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
 Builds on the rock that will not move.

**\*Call to Worship**

Sisters and brothers, loved by God, we proclaim that God has chosen us.

**We profess our faith in that promise.**

Be therefore, imitators of the Christ whom God has sent. Be models to all people.

**In God's name we will serve. With Christ's love we will endure.**

**With the Holy Spirit we will remain diligent.**

Let us together Worship our God!!

**\*Hymn #113** *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* (Marion)

**\*Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

**O God of the past and present and future. O God of our working and of our resting, we give you praise for your vigilance over us. We offer our prayers in the assurance of your love. Speak to us this day in these moments of Worship through our hymns of praise, through your Holy Word, through the message of the church, through the silent moments of meditation. Come, and be with us this day.**

**As we approach you, O God, it is with a heavy heart;**

- **We have not been imitators of Christ as you have called us to be.**
- **We have not been the models you expect us to be.**
- **Our behavior has not always been above reproach.**
- **Things have become more attractive than people.**
- **Success continues to govern our life.**
- **Power becomes the driving force behind our being.**
- **Status is more appealing than servanthood.**
- **Opinions are more interesting than truth.**
- **We need our lives to make an about-face.**

**Therefore, we turn to you, O God, who welcomes the prodigal son and hugged him to your breast, and seek the release that comes from forgiveness and the joy of sharing in that amazing grace which only you can give. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! Sisters and brothers beloved by God, who has chosen you and sent the Good News to you; receive the divine gifts of grace and peace. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

**\*Gloria Patri**

*(Greatorex)*

**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.**

**From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 96:1-13**

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord; bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.  
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

**Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning**

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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**This Week**

- Sunday, October 22:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, October 23:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, October 24:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, October 26:** 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 28:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, October 29:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting



**GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD**

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## Offertory Invitation

We are called to companionship with all who labor side by side with us in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed with resources we are privileged to share. From our rich heritage, we reach out to invite the world to God's banquet. What a joy it is to give!

## Offertory

*"There Is a Redeemer"*

*(arr. Mary McDonald)*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.  
When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.  
There is a Redeemer!

## \*Doxology

*(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## \*Prayer of Dedication [Unison]

**We give our gifts as you have given yourself, O Christ. We present ourselves as you have been present with us. Put hands and feet, eyes and ears to our gifts so the weak might experience the power of faith, and the brokenhearted find solace in a caring community. Wrap us in your blanket of love so that our whole being will reflect the brilliance of your compassion to all who cross our path. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## \*Hymn #405

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

*(Solid Rock)*

## \*Benediction

## \*Choral Response

## Postlude

*"Festal Flourish"*

*(Flor Peeters)*

Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;  
tremble before him, all the earth.  
Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!  
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.  
He will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar and all that fills it;  
let the field exult and everything in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord, for he is coming,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth.

## From the Old Testament Books of the Law: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

**Anthem**

“All The Way, My Savior Leads Me” (Mary McDonald)

All the way my Savior leads me,  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my Guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well;

All the way my Savior leads me,  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial,  
Feeds me with the living Bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the Rock before me,  
Lo! A spring of joy I see;

All the way my Savior leads me,  
Oh, the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way;  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way.

**From the Letters of Paul: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.  
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,  
constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and  
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God,  
that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in  
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we  
proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite  
of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example  
to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from  
you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so  
that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had  
among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his  
Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

**Sermon**

“Seeing Each Other in the Church” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Affirmation of Faith from “That All May Worship”  
**As God's creations,  
we are fashioned uniquely,  
Each endowed with individuality of body, mind, and spirit  
To worship freely the One who has given us life.  
Each of us has abilities; each seeks fulfillment and wholeness.  
Each of us has disabilities; each knows isolation and incompleteness.  
Seeking shelter from the vulnerability we all share,  
Claiming our promised place in God's Household of Faith,  
We are transformed by invitation, affirmation and love.  
In grateful response, we...  
- Worship and serve God, the source of hope and joy;  
- Celebrate and serve one another, rejoicing in our diversity;  
- Transform and serve the world, until we become a Community which  
reflects God's Oneness and Peace.  
Let the House of God be open to all who enter and Worship. Amen.**

\*Hymn #345 “Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult” (Galilee)

**Gathering Together in Prayer  
Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer  
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Response**

Sing Twice

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a hymn. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of lyrics is: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus." The second system of lyrics is: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia! Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, Al-le-lu-ia!"