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Service of the Word of God

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 10, 2021

Chimes of the Trinity

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Lighting the Altar Candles

The light of Christ is present with us.

****Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17)

In every generation, the people of God have been blessed to find their home and resting place in God!

We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.

All creation since time began, have been blessed to find that the place of their birth is their Creator's hands.

We gather to worship the God of all creation.

We gather to worship and praise our God, and to ask God to fill us with the joy of your unfailing love.

May the favour and blessing of God be upon us this day. Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

God of all love, we come to you with our whole selves. We come with the parts of ourselves that we like to show the most, and the parts of ourselves that we prefer to hide. You know us completely, better than we know ourselves. Thank you for loving us, warts, and all. In silence, Lord, we lift to you the things done and left undone that have fallen short of your great calling to love, and we lift the wounds of our lives that lead us to sin. Shower us in your grace and healing that we might be cleansed and renewed.

Silent Prayer

In every breath, Lord, help us to feel the power of your love and the strength of your renewal. Let that power and strength live within us. In the name of Jesus Christ

Amen

Jesus looks at you and loves you. In the power of that love, be renewed to live in the Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and made new.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God.

***Opening Hymn** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117

First Scripture Reading Hebrews 4:12-16 CEB

Special Music "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian" Alex Ngamhuy

Children's Message

Prayers for Healing:

Larry and Ella Fox; Harold English; Beverly and Fred Freeman; Derick Chandler; Liz Benjamin; Tom Vanhyning; Jim Newman; Ed Jones; Carroll Wilson; Rosemary; Darlene; Ron Martin; Danny Burnette; Ralph and Virginia Baines; Heather Kemp; Randy Benjamin; Sara Brotherton; Glenn Hill; Dot Cody; Sandy Howard; Lloyd Parker; Dawn; DeeDee Zwahlen; Tammy & family; Jeff; Liz S; Chuck Kinsey; Sharon; Erin Frayne; Pat; Karin; Abigail, Adaline and Jane; Glenn White; Sherri Martin; Matt; Paula; Ann & Jim Young; David & Brenda Blackwood; Dustin Fender; Cathy; Maggie; Lynette Young; John Baker; Lisa; Michael Tipton; Brian; Bill Welsch; Frieda Mercer; Ezer Miller; Ilsa Young; Tina Blocker; Kay Anselmo; Micah; Amanda Anglin; John Shelton; Michael; Susan Ray; Nancy Moore; Howard & Susie Orebaugh; Peg Cavanaugh; Dixie Tipton; Don Gahagen; Darlene Propst; Scott; Mark; Bobbi Ann Snelson; Scott Crandall; Patrick & Tanya; Danny Macintosh; Tracy Plemmons; Karalee; Sylvia;

The Lord's Prayer

***Gospel Reading** Mark 10:17-31

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon "Cloudy Vision" Rev. Lisa Hartzog

Doxology and Blessing of the Tithes and Offerings

***Closing Hymn** "The Summons" #2130 (1,2,4,5)

*** Benediction**

*Stand as you are able

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Announcements

Outland Family Clinic is now open Saturdays 9-1 and Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-3. Call for an appointment or walk-ins welcomed. 828-551-2389. If you don't need an appointment, how about signing up to help!

Opportunities to Give:

Christ calls us to be generous, if you feel called to give beyond the regular support of the Church give in the offering plate and mark for the special ministry.

- ❖ We've all seen the news reports of the horrible damage done by Hurricane Ida and the local damage done by Tropical Storm Fred. We are fortunate that the United Methodist Committee on Relief is a wonderful and efficient way to help others in need. If you would like to help, just mark "UMCOR" on your check.

Opportunities to Serve:

We are called to be doers of the word, not just hearers.

- ❖ The Feeding program is looking for volunteers to bring food to shut-ins. It is a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Christ in a tangible way and make a real difference in a person's life. Please let Laura know if you can help.
- ❖ Feel free to spend a little time weeding around the church. It's beautiful to listen to the creek and great to help!

Opportunities to Engage:

We come together in Spirit and Love.

- ❖ Amy Beane will be leading Sunday School during October. All are welcomed following the worship service.
- ❖ The Spiritual Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall and online. All are welcome. Let Laura know if you would like an emailed link to the virtual group.

Lectionary Readings for next Sunday, October 17th

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

(Please prayerfully read God's word throughout the week in preparation for worship)