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# Service of the Word of God

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 2022

## Chimes of the Trinity

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Handbells

Lighting the Altar Candles

The light of Christ is present with us.

## **\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God calls us here today.

**People: We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.**

Leader: God calls YOU here today.

**People: We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.**

Leader: God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!

**People: We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us.**

**AMEN.**

## **Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

Loving God, you know us completely. You know the times we have gone through the motions without really trying to do your will, and you know the times that we earnestly act out of your love in the world. You see the good and the bad and you love us regardless. In silence we lift to you the things we have done and left undone that have fallen short of your great calling, and we lift to you the wounds of our lives that get in our way. Shower us with your grace and healing.

Silent Prayer

With each breath, let the Spirit live within us. Let us know your grace and healing. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

The Bible tells us of how God continues to reach out to us, wanting to put us on the right path that we know abundant life. And it tells of a self-sacrificial love that reaches us where we are offering grace equal to every need. Know without doubt, you are forgiven and made new.

**We are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" #629

**First Scripture Reading** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 CEB

**Special Music** "By Streams of Living Water" Handbells

## **Children's Message**

### **Prayers for Healing:**

Nicole Burdgick; Frances Powell; Grace; Don Mathis; Julia Sutton; Sabrina; Ann; Nathan McKee; Lucille Drake; Connie; Gary McCollum; Jackson Prescott; Emily Harper; Baby Sunny; Joanne Groover; Howard Tate; Bill; Sheila; Trish; Tish; Jim Newman; Ed Jones; Carroll Wilson; Rosemary; Darlene; Danny Burnette; Ralph and Virginia Baines; Heather Kemp; Randy Benjamin; Sara Brotherton; Glenn Hill; Dot Cody; Sandy Howard; Dawn; Pat; Karin; DeeDee Zwahlen; Jeff; Liz S; Chuck Kinsey; Sharon; Sherri Martin; Matt; Paula; John Baker; Maggie; Dustin Fender; Lynette Young; Lisa; Michael Tipton; Brian; Bill Welsch; Frieda Mercer; Ilsa Young; Tina Blocker; Kay Anselmo; Micah; Amanda Anglin; John Shelton; Michael; Susan Ray; Peg Cavanaugh; Howard & Susie Orebaugh; Don Gahagen; Darlene Propst; Scott; Mark; Bobbi Ann Snelson; Scott Crandall; Patrick & Tanya; Danny Macintosh; Tracy Plemmons; Karalee; Sylvia;

## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Second Scripture Reading** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

**Sermon** "Proper Worship"

**Doxology and Blessing of God's Tithes and Our Offerings** #94

**\*Closing Hymn** "We Walk By Faith" (1-4) #2196

## **\* Benediction**

\*Stand as you are able

\*\*Call to Worship written by Katie Minnis



## **Apple Butter Festival**

**Saturday, September 24th**

**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

### **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.**

- ❖ All donation of non-perishable items are welcome for the Food Pantry. Things of use currently are: canned vegetables and fruits, canned meat, children's cereals, soup, juices, jams and jellies, pasta and pasta sauce, cake and muffin mixes, macaroni and cheese.
- ❖ UMCOR is collecting donations for Kentucky flood victims and Ukraine. If you wish to give to this cause, please indicate as such on the memo line of 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.
- ❖ The Outland Family Clinic is open by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling (828) 551-2389. Volunteers are always needed.

### **Opportunities to Engage:**

**We come together in Spirit and Love.**

- ❖ 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, August 14th**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

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