

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "God Is Here!" # 280

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering:** "Christians We Have Met to Worship" # 277

1. Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God; will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Christians, pray, and holy manna, will be showered all around.
2. Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fear? Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears? Tell them all about the Savior, how in Christ the lost are found. Pray, oh pray, and holy manna, will be scattered all around.
3. Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too; let us pray for all earth's people, till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven, at the table we'll sit down; Christ will welcome us and serve us living manna all around.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Jack Kline /10:30am Julia Schwartz

Psalm 84: 1-7 (NRSVA)

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C:My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;

L: my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C:Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,

L: O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

C:Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

L:Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C:As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;

L: the early rain also covers it with pools.

ALL: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Justin & Abigail

Text *Joel 2: 23-32* (NRSVA)

Message "A New Day" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Jack Kline /10:30am Roy McLellan

Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Rev. Schwartz /10:30am Roy McLellan

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

Communion Music: "Mighty to Save" Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "Spirit" vv. 2-4 # 249

CHORUS: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you gifted your people with a law and a land, when they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets, to open their eyes. **CHORUS:**

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still, and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people, on the rush of the wind. **CHORUS:**

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions, your people arise. **CHORUS:**

*Benediction Rev. Schwartz

Postlude: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" # 431

October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Joel 2: 23-32 (NRSVA)

²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸ Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, October 23, 2022 ☩ 8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m.

Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.