

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

- Prelude:** "Seek Ye First" # 354
Welcome and Announcements
- *Hymn of Gathering:** "God Is Here" # 280
1. **God is here! As we your people, meet to offer praise and prayer; may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts; wait the coming of the Spirit, into open minds and hearts.**
 2. **Here are symbols to remind us, of our life-long need of grace; here are table, fount, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech; here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**
 3. **Here our children find a welcome, in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustain us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant, seek in worship to explore; what it means in daily living, to believe and to adore.**
 4. **Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt; keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Dean Eslinger /10:30am Abigail Schwartz

Psalm 32: 1-7 (NRSVA)

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C:Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C:For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

L:Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

C:Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

ALL: You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Justin & Abigail
Text *Isaiah 1: 10-18* (NRSVA)
Message "A New Worship" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Dean Eslinger /10:30am Frank Morgan
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 Frank Morgan

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music: "I Give You My Heart" MSPW2 # 71

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" # 461

1. **Lord, whose love through humble service; born the weight of human need; who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**
2. **Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul; use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**
3. **As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light; in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight; making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear; stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to show.**
4. **Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go; to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give; that your servants, Lord in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

*Benediction Rev. Schwartz
Postlude: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 433

October 30, 2022

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Isaiah 1: 10-18 (NRSVA)

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? Says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

¹³ bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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

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