

Sunday, August 21, 2022
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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Call to Worship

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What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

***Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” vs.1-4

Pilgrim Hymnal #66

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Love in Action

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Your love, O God, is an active love:
engaged, involved, immersed.

Your love, O God, is seen in what you do, not just in what you say:
**in the blessing of children,
in the meals with outcasts,
in the touching of the untouchable,
in your presence,
and your self-giving,
in your opening of the way to life to all who will come;**

And your love, O God, is expressed through people like us:
**as we share our wealth in simplicity and generosity;
as we share wholeness in care and healing of the sick and broken; as we share
hospitality by being truly present to the lonely, the imprisoned and the marginalized; as
we share peace in kindness, listening and acceptance with those who challenge us,
confront us and threaten us.**

***All: As you have loved us in incarnate action, O God, may we learn to be little
incarnations through whom your love is expressed and experienced in action. Amen.***

Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40

Alan Michener

Hymn** ***“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” *The New Century Hymnal #495*

1Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end

2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold

3Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision

Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

4So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.

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Message

Jill Hodge

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns

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Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Prayer Response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” *New Century Hymnal #769*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Call to Offering

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One: We have the tools we need to love one another. Through our talents, treasures, and time, we can create God's Realm here on earth. Our contributions – no matter the size – will craft a world which reflects God's love.

**Doxology*

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

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Loving God, we glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

*Hymn “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” *The New Century Hymnal #417*

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Benediction

Postlude

Liturgy:

Call to Worship by Rev. Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

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1 This is a day of new be - gin-nings, time to re - mem - ber
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might-y Spir - it,
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what
 *4 *In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble to taste and share what*

and move on, time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;
love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.
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*Alternate text for Holy Communion

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