Sunday Morning Worship

October 23, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude Prelude William H. Harris

The Call to Worship Psalm 65:5-8

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your Strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Let us worship God together. Amen

*The Hymn Spirit 319

*The Call to Confession

Joel 2:32

Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us.

Loving God, here us, as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).

Humbly, we thank you, for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation through Jesus, our Savior. Amen. *The Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 4:17

C. Austin Miles

Brothers and sisters, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it. God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The Response

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

The Special Music "In the Garden"

(Wally Schmidt, guitar and vocals)

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Joel 2:23-32 page 987-988 OT

The New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 9:5-14 page 245 NT

The Sermon "Sowing with a Touch" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

*The Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Saraband Herbert Sumsion

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response Go with us, Lord

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Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

*Postlude Toccata in Seven John Rutter

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Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Greeter: Pete & Ginny Brucker

Fellowship Hour Server: Karen Kalina

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for the following tasks:

- Greeters
- Liturgist
- Servers to set up and serve coffee hour after worship



The Trunk or Treat Has Been Canceled for Sunday, October 30, 2022. The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who signed up to decorate their trunks or supply candy. We will attempt this event again next year!

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Announcements and Upcoming Event

Mission Update

We received a HUGE THANK YOU from both Bretheran and Arthur Eddy schools for the donation of school supplies. They were very appreciative to give their students a fresh new year with new supplies!!

Help support the Veterans! For the next several weeks, we will be collecting stockings for homeless veterans though the I Support the 1% Veterans Food Pantry. Stockings may be filled with basic need/hygiene items, as well as goodies or comfort items (word searches/puzzle books, etc). You can pick up a stocking and a list of suggested items from the front table to fill and return. Collections will run through November 6th. Please help us to spread some holiday cheer to those veterans in need!



The mission committee is also continuing to collect Meijer, Target, Amazon, and Walmart gift cards (or cash donations) through the month of November to support refugees resettled to Michigan. There is a collection box set up in the front hallway; donations may also be dropped off at the church office (Please label your donation for "Refugee Mission."). Any donations

made to this mission project will be matched up to \$500 by the mission committee. The liaison of this collection will be St. Vincent Catholic Charities ("STVCC"), which is working directly with refugee families in the area. The gift cards will assist refugees in obtaining tangible items: shoes/boots, cleaning supplies, household goods, laundry supplies, linens, some furniture items, kitchen items, etc. If you would like more information on the mission that we are supporting, including the specific needs and the process of resettlement, please visit the St. Vincent Catholic Charities website link, https://stvcc.org/services/refugee-services/.

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