# Sunday July 25, 2021 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We are here because we have collected the hurts and hatreds of living

through another week.

People. We gather as the wounded people.

Leader: We are here because we have also seen joy and hope, creativity and new life

in the week we have just lived through.

People: We gather as the wondering people.

Leader: We are here because we believe that Christ is the power that brings life

together and makes it whole.

People: We gather as the worshiping people. We begin a new week as we

celebrate resurrection — Christ's victory over death, our victory over despair and hopelessness. We gather not to relive the past, but to

be renewed that we might build the future.

Hymn # 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Confession

Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power. Our prayers are anemic and our faith is shallow. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play. We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms. We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust. Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world. Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear.

Amen.

(moment of silence)

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 14

Song Shout to the Lord

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Sermon Denying the Resurrection?!

Affirmation of Faith

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

Offering Song

Doxology (Old 100th)

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Hymn #462 I Love to Tell the Story

Benediction

Postlude

## **Announcements**

#### **Grace Pancakes**

We need more volunteers for the Grace Pancake event on August 15. Meet at Grace Lutheran at 6:30 am. You will be done in time to make the service at 10:30. Sign up on the patio.

#### **Out of Chaos, Hope**

PDA has produced an award-winning series of short documentaries on issues of concern to the church and to the world. Join us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 7 pm on Zoom to watch and discuss the documentaries. **Next video is tonight.** See the Plumbline for more information

## **Big Event**

Save the Date(s) !! Presbytery Big Event August 27 and August 28. To be held via Zoom. Worship service, keynote speaker, and 6 workshops -- you choose! Watch E Focus for more information:

https://www.azpresbyteries.org/newsletter-grand-canyon

#### **Help with Memorial Reception**

It is a practice of Orangewood to provide the families who have lost loved ones with a memorial reception at Orangewood. If you are good at making cookies, or trays of finger foods, we can use your help You don't have to attend the reception; just drop off your goodies. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Hedy Martin, (602) 789-9624 or hugohedy@aol.com. This is a much needed service that we provide to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

## Want an easy job on Sundays?

Become a scribe for the pastor! This is probably the easiest job there is. You get to stand next to Pastor Ken after the service for about 20 minutes and take notes for him. He will let you know if he needs you to write something down. Those of us who have done this in the past find that most Sundays there's nothing to write and you get to talk to the folks leaving the church. Many hands make light work, so if you're interested, talk to Becky Cederquist (623-363-4509). We'll work out a schedule that fits you.

## **Montlure Presbyterian Camp Work Weekend**

On August 20-22 a work crew will drive to Montlure Church Camp near Greer to pour foundation piers to move Elk Cabin. There are only 16 bunks, so sign up now. RV's are welcome. Drivers will be reimbursed for gas. Contact Brent Upson for more information, at bwupson@gmail.com or 602-550-9935.

Signup at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0548A5A92BA4FE3-montlure2

#### **Memorial Reception Help**

We are for help with memorials. We need people who can bring veggie, fruit and cookies to receptions. You don't have to attend the memorial. If there are enough volunteers you will not be called on very often. See the bulletin for more information or call Hedy Martin 602-789-9624.-