

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 worshipping 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

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 hughohedy@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.-