

Sunday, August 8, 2021
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: From the deepest, darkest places in our lives, we call out to you

People: We need help! We need help now!

Leader: If you kept records of our sin, we would be truly lost

People: We worship God whose very nature is love.

Leader: We know you make a habit of forgiving us

**All: We wait and watch for your light
As we watch for dawn to break on the longest night.**

Hymn #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Confession

**O God of compassion,
if you kept a record of our sins,
who could stand?
We come before you with our brokenness
and our wounds for all to see.
We bring our anger, our bitterness,
our unwholesome talk,
and our deceitfulness.
We try to do good,
but sometimes fail.
We choose to do evil,
and sometimes succeed.
Keep your promise to forgive us
when we confess to you completely.
Without you, we have no hope. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson:

Psalm 130

Song

I Will Wait

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Sermon: Talk Like a Christian

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Offering This I Believe

Offering Response *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Pastoral Prayer/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.

Hymn #697 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Benediction/Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks

This morning we will be blessing our students and their backpacks as they start a new school year. We will be providing 83 backpacks with school supplies, mostly for our African kids, and praying for a wonderful year of learning.

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.

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>

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>

Family Promise

WANTED: One or two people to prepare/purchase and/or deliver a meal to the Family Promise Day Center in Scottsdale on Friday, Aug. 20.

As many of you may know, we partner with Palo Cristi Pres. to host families in the Family Promise program. Families are still being hosted at the day center in Scottsdale due to COVID-19, but we are continuing to provide meals. The next opportunity for OPC is on Friday, Aug. 20. We are typically feeding 3 or 4 adults and 5-8 kids. The Palo Cristi coordinator will contact us with exact numbers and any food allergies that need to be considered in the week prior to our hosting week. You would prepare or purchase a simple meal and/or deliver it to the Family Promise Day Center, on Earll Dr. near Miller Rd. in Scottsdale, by 4:30 pm on the aforementioned date. Please contact Dennis Daniel at 480-614-8328 if you are available for either or both tasks. Thank you, Orangewood, for your long-standing support of the Family Promise program!