## September 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader:   We have come to worship God, the living God,

**People:   Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

Leader:   We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**People:   Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

Leader:     We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**People:    Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!**

Hymn #826  *Lift High the Cross*

Prayer of Confession

**Loving and merciful One,**

**we thank you for the community in which you have placed us,**

**for the sisters and brothers with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.**

**Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.**

**We push aside those who do not see things as we see them.**

**We fail to see your Kingdom becoming**

**because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other.**

**Form in us a new vision of community**

**in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.**

**We pray for the sake of your Kingdom**

**that both is and is not yet. Amen.**

(moment of silence)

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

**God’s Word**

Minute for Mission

Preparation Song *Let Us Build a House*

First Reading Galatians 3:27-29

“The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.”**

Song *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

“The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.”**

Sermon

**Our Response to God’s Word**

Affirmation of Faith

**Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,  
who renews our hearts,  
moves us to faith,  
leads us in the truth,  
stands by us in our need,  
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.  
The Spirit's gifts are here to stay  
in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.  
We thankfully see each other  
as gifted members of the fellowship  
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.  
He gives more than enough to each believer  
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

Song *Fresh Wind*

Doxology (Old 100th)

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Benediction/Dismissal

Postlude

**Announcements**

**Annual Meeting**

There will be an Annual Congregational Meeting on October 10, right after service, at 11:45 in Page Hall. Our fiscal year has changed so this is the end-of-the-year meeting. Hospitality will provide chicken and biscuits. Please bring a side dish of veggie, salad, or a dessert to share.

**New Picture Directory**

We would like to make a new picture directory. Because the company has quit doing church directories, We are making this on our own. We will be taking pictures on October 10 right before and after the annual meeting. You can also have it taken on 17 and 24 before or after service, on the patio.

**Communion Help**

The worship committee is looking for help preparing and serving communion. It doesn't take long and you won’t have to do it very often if there are enough volunteers. If you have questions or are interested in helping you can email Elizabeth Reifsnider at elreifsn@gmail.

**Audio Help**

We are looking for more volunteers to help with sound at the weekend service. You don’t have to do it every week. It is easy and there is plenty of training. Contact Joe Miller if you are interested, engineer.twr@gmail.com.