

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 2, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude “Spirit Medley” *arr. M. Hayes*
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening “O Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”
Matthew Smith, Music Director

*Call to Worship/Unison Invocational Prayer

Compassionate God, may your abundant grace and mercy flow upon us,

So we may truly encounter you in this hour of worshipful prayer.

Breathe upon us the fresh winds of the Holy Spirit,

So our minds may be open, our hearts warmed, and our souls stirred to the love of Christ in a new way.

We ask this in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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Song # 131 “Surely the Presence of the Lord” *Wolfe*
654 “Holy Ground” *Geron Davis*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Genesis 32:22-31

A Reading from the New Testament Romans 9:1-5

*A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 14:13-21

*Response #478 “Sweet Hour of Prayer” *Walford*

The Prayers of the People and The 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Offertory Kay Wildman, Church Organist

Children’s Moment

Message “Jacob: The Struggle is Real”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord’s Table – We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

Holy Communion: The Lord’s Supper –
Breaking of Bread – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*
Passing of the Cup – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

Communion #665 “Break Now the Bread Of Life” *Lathbury*

The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Song #492 “Spirit of the Living God” *Iverson*

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude **“Take My Life and Let it Be”** *arr. W. J. Auld*
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

**Please stand if able*

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please cup your hands to receive the sanitary communion wafer and juice sealed in small containers. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to receive homebound communion delivery.

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

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