

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 24, 2021

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *Dale Wood*  
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

### Welcome and Greeting in Jesus’ Name

\*Hymn #59 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *HYMN OF JOY*  
Matthew Smith, Choir Director

### \*Call to Worship

Look to the Lord and be radiant,  
So your faces shall never be ashamed.

**I sought the Lord, and God answered me,  
And delivered me from all my fears!**

Walk to the Lord and be saved,  
And your eyes will see all things new.

**I had heard of God with my ears,  
But now my eyes have seen my salvation!  
For you, O God, are wrapped in light!**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
But the Lord rescues them from all harm.

**O magnify the Lord with me,  
And let us exalt God’s name together.**

†Adapted from Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship.” Cascade Books: 2013. Used with Permission. All rights reserved.

\*Opening Prayer **The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

\*Songs of Faith #419 “My Faith Looks Up to Three” *OLIVET*  
“Better Is One Day” **Worship Team**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER 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.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading **Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

The Second Reading **Hebrews 7:23-28**

Responsorial #668 “Wonderful Words of Life” *BLISS*

Mission Moment **World Mission Offering Video**

Offering - Giving our Tithes, Gifts, and Donations to the Lord (Collection plates are in the front and back of the sanctuary, and you can also give online).

**Prayer of Dedication†:** May your praise be continually in our mouths, your love forever in our hearts, your word forever on our minds, your spirit forever urging us onto acts of giving – **and may each of these gifts, and each of these givers, find a holy purpose in the growth and glory of your kingdom. In Jesus’ name we share these gifts and offerings. Amen.**

Offertory Special “My Redeemer Lives” **Worship Team**

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ **Mark 10:46-52**

Prayer & Message “Jesus Christ: The All-Sufficient Sacrifice”  
**The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

## WE RESPOND 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

\*Hymn “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” **Worship Team**

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude “Hymn to Joy” *D. Rotermund*  
**Kay Wildman, Church Organist**

\*Please stand if able

## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

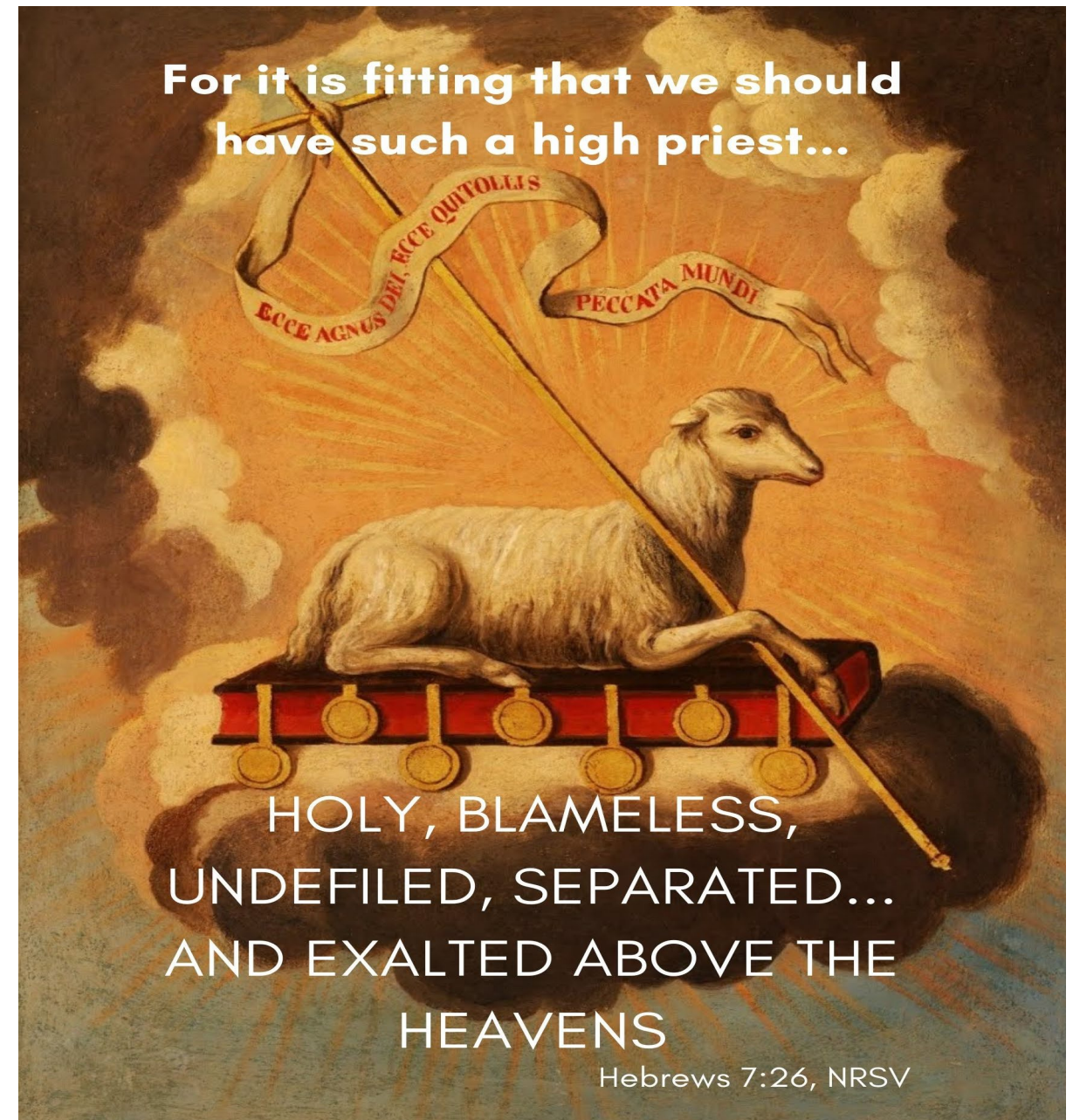
**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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