

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Kay Wildman, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Opening Hymn #81 "We Gather Together" KREMSE

*Call to Worship *Let Us Sing Songs of Praise*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth' the heights of the hills are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

†Palm 95:1-5 and Philippians 4:4-7 New King James Version (NKJV)®.
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*Opening Prayer The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Songs of Faith "Blessed Be Your Name" 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, the power, and the glory forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Nancy Lindberg

The First Reading 1 Samuel 1:4-20

The Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-25

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ Mark 13:1-8

Responsorial # "Count Your Blessings"

Stewardship Testimony Pat Carreno

Announcements & Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Collection plates are in the front and back of the sanctuary, and you can also give online.

Prayer of Dedication: We exalt you, O Lord our God, for your generosity is abundant. We bow to you, O Jesus Christ, for your offering on our behalf is holy, all sufficient. We return to you, O Spirit of Life, in grateful response for your blessings, a portion of your gifts to us, for your wise use and loving use. **Spur us and move us to encourage one another to good deeds, to loving words in your most holy name, for we see your Day is fast approaching.**

Offertory Special "I'd Rather have Jesus"

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Prayer & Message "Abundant Blessings: God's Extravagant Generosity"
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 for you to join this Christian Church, please come forward.

*Hymn BH#64 "God Will Take Care of You" GOD CARES

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude Kay Wildman, Church Organist

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

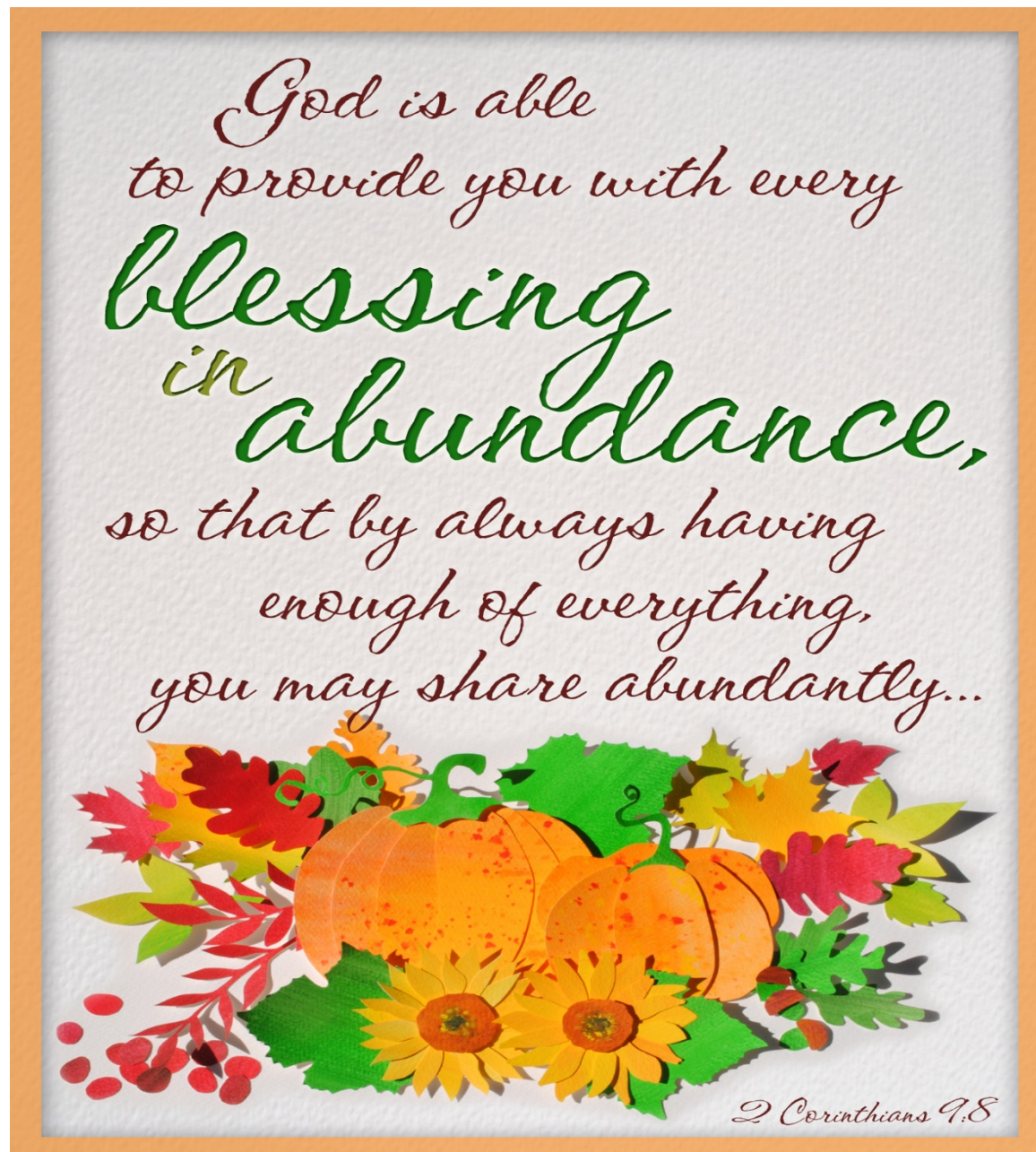
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

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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