

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

***Gathering Song # 2**

“O Worship the King”

LYONS

***Call to Worship**

Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and see;

Regard this vine that you have planted, connected as we are to your chosen people.

The church of this generation is laid waste, the vine for which you cleared the ground!

Regard this church that you have planted, united as we are in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do not let your witnesses fall silent, like a vineyard that is trampled and overgrown.

Regard this people of the faith you have nurtured, rooted as we are in your holy Word.

***Opening Prayer**

Songs of Faith # 415

“Moment by Moment”

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Luke 12:49-56

***Responsorial # 458**

“Nearer My God to Thee”

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

Announcements & Prayers Concerns, 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.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings to Almighty God – The Apostle Paul wrote, “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully^(a) will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).



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Offertory

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Prayer of Illumination and The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

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.

***Closing Hymn # 496 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

SHOWALTER

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

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**Stand when able*

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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, 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 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).
5. **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 covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. 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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LUKE 12:49-56



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