

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck Church Pianist

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

Gathering Song (Stand) "Jesus Messiah" *Worship Team*

†Call to Worship (Stand)

The Lord is our helper. We shall not be afraid. No suffering or sadness can compare with the grace of God.

Let us give praise to God through Christ, confessing the name of Jesus.

The Lord is our helper. We shall not be afraid. For God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Let us be content with what God has given us, remembering those who suffer for the faith.

The Lord is our helper. We shall not be afraid. Indeed, God's angels are in our midst.

Let us not fail to show hospitality to strangers, loving one another with the love of Christ.

Opening Prayer (Stand) The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Songs of Faith #473 "What a Friend we have in Jesus" *CONVERSE*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13

The Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** Luke 14:1, 7-14

Responsorial # 483 (Stand) "Take Time to be Holy"

HOLINESS

Greet Your Family and Neighbors

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

Announcements & Prayers of the Community 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 Bible says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops" (Proverbs 3:9).



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Offertory Jan Mauck Church Pianist

Prayer, 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 #** "Make Us One" *Worship Team*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** Jan Mauck Church Pianist

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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).

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.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – Any person wishing to be baptized as a fully-devoted follower of Jesus should speak with Pastor Ivan or an Usher for details.



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**But when you make a
feast, call the poor, the
maimed, the lame, the
blind:**

—Luke 14:13

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