

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

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

Gathering Song (Stand) "How Great is Our God" *Worship Team*

***Call to Worship† (Stand)**

Come, O Lord, and regard your people.

For nothing is hidden from you, whose works are wondrous.

Before a word is spoken, before a thought is fully formed,

God knows it completely.

Come, O Lord, and search your people.

For you form each of us according to your design.

How weighty are your thoughts, O God.

How vast is the sum of them!

Come, O Lord, and set your people free.

Indeed, you have come, for you were here long before the ages began.

We praise you, O God, for you are still with us.

Lead us and show us the way to eternal freedom with you.

***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Karen Kirby

The First Reading *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

The Second Reading *Philemon 1-21*

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** *Luke 14:25-33*

***Responsorial (Stand) #264** "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" *RATHBUN*

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

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – The Apostle Paul wrote, "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God," (Ephesians 5:2). Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



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Offertory Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Prayer of Illumination and The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Right Hand of Fellowship

Invitation to the Lord's Table, Words of Institution, 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.

Communion Song # 530 BH "I'd Rather have Jesus"

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*

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Closing Hymn # 393 (Stand)** "Blest Be the Tie" *DENNIS*

***Spoken Benediction (Stand)**

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – Believer's Baptism is the immersion of a person in the water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Believers may be baptized in the church baptistry, in the river, a swimming pool, a pond, or a lake. Please get in touch with the Minister if you want to be baptized.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. We practice **Open Communion**, which means all persons of faith, regardless of age, race, gender, membership, denominational affiliation, or church tradition, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters seeking freedom, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served; we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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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†Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "The Joyful Feast: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year C." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

