

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Jan Mauck, Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

*Gathering Song (Stand) "Days of Elijah" WORSHIP TEAM

*Call to Worship (Stand)

Let all who live in the shelter of the Most High God,
Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord,

**"My refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust!"**

For God will deliver you from the snare of the evil one;
The Lord will faithfully keep you from harm.

**We will not fear the terror of the night,
Or the arrow that flies by day.**

God has declared, "Those who love me, I will deliver.
I will protect those who know my name and answer them when they call.

**"I will be with them in trouble, and rescue and honor them!
I will satisfy them with long life and show them my salvation!"**

*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Songs of Faith #438 "On Eagle's Wings" MICHAEL JONCAS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Karen Kirby

The First Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15

The Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Luke 16:19-31

*Responsorial (Stand) #34

"Doxology"

OLD 100TH

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 Donations – The Apostle Paul wrote: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:6-12).



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Offertory

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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

*Closing Hymn (Stand) "How Great is Our God" WORSHIP TEAM

*Spoken Benediction (Stand)

*Postlude Jan Mauck, Pianist

HOW TO BECOME A 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).

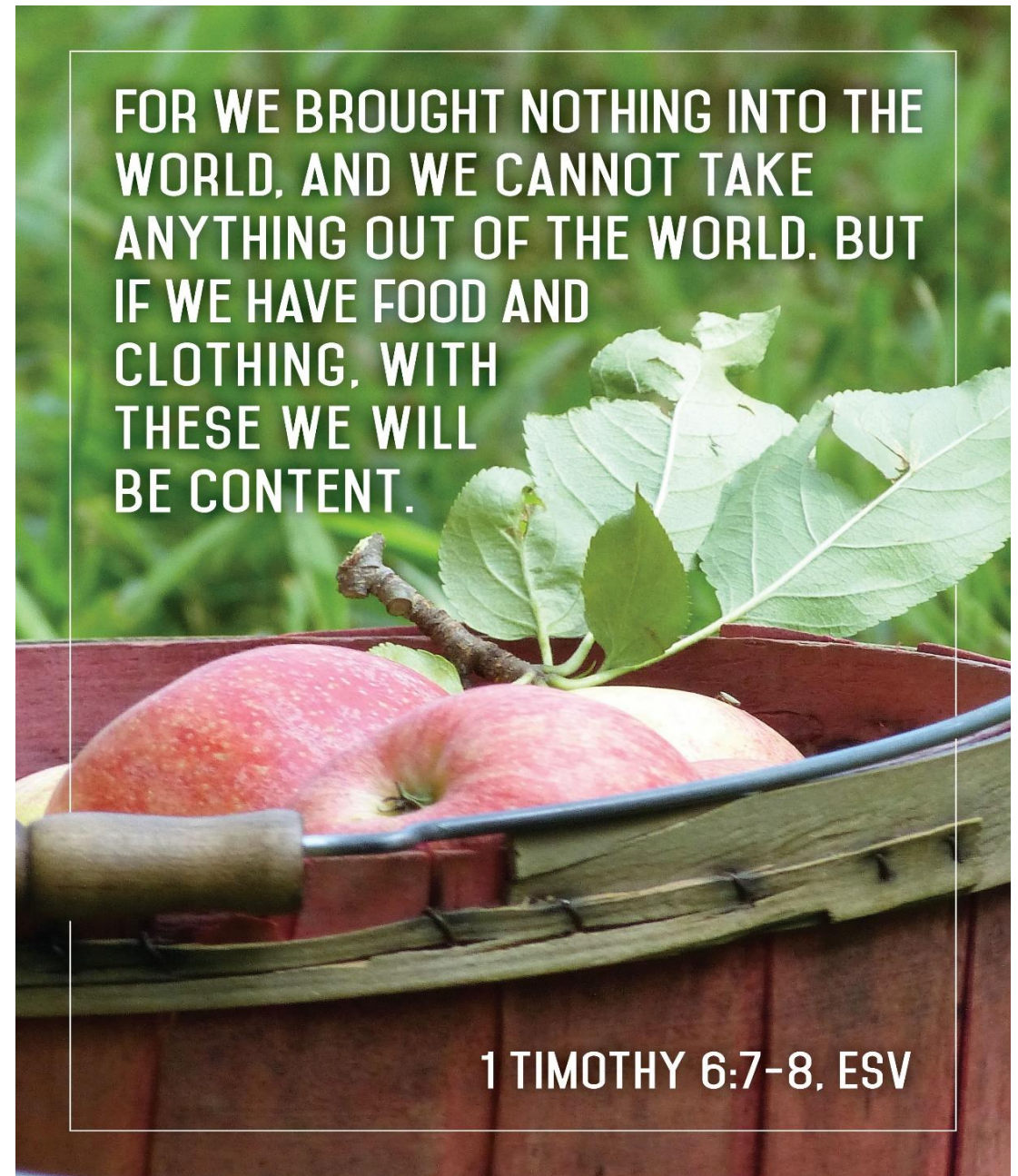
HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward 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.



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