

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 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) # 72 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

*Call to Worship (Stand)

Present yourselves before the Lord
As those whom God has approved.

**We are not ashamed of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Neither shall we fear suffering for it.**

The apostles were chained, and the prophets exiled,
But the word of the Lord is not chained and shall not return empty.

Let us build and plant and increase in the land.

We will pray for the welfare of the church in the world.

Bless the Lord, O people; lift up your praises in song,
For the Lord has kept us and established us in faith.

Let us sing to the glory of God.

Let all the earth worship the Lord!

*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Songs of Faith # “Here I am to Worship” *Worship Team*
 “Amazing Grace”

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)

Luke 17:11-19

*Responsorial (Stand) #521 BH “Faith is the Victory”

*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

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 – We are admonished by the apostles to “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Let us show our faith in the trustful, worshipful act of offering our gifts to God.



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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 – 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 (Stand) “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” SHOWALTER

*Spoken Benediction (Stand)

Postlude

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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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**And he said to him, Arise,
go your way: your faith
has made you whole.**

—Luke 17:19

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