

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 23, 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) #561 “Christ for the World! We Sing”** *ITALIAN HYMN*

***Call to Worship (Stand)**

You are worthy of praise, O God, O you who answer prayer.

All creatures shall know your awesome presence.

Happy are those whom you call, mighty God.

When sin overwhelms us, you forgive and rescue us.

Let sinners repent and be made righteous in Christ.

The Lord is gracious in blessing his creation.

We shall be satisfied with your goodness, O Lord,

for you are the hope of all earth.

Let the morning and the evening shout for joy!

***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

Songs of Faith #177 **“Jesus Name Above All Names”**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Fran Seymour Hunter

The First Reading

Joel 2:23-32

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)**

Luke 18:9-14

***Responsorial (Stand) BH #560**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

***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 – Scripture says that all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. O children of God, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you, saying, “My people will never be put to shame.” Indeed, there is a crown of righteousness reserved for everyone who has longed for the Lord’s appearing; keep faith in God, and Jesus Christ himself, the only righteous judge, will place it on your head.” We gladness, let us present our tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord!



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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 (Stand) # 364 BH**

“Send the Light”

***Spoken Benediction (Stand)**

***Postlude**

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**Stand when able*

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.



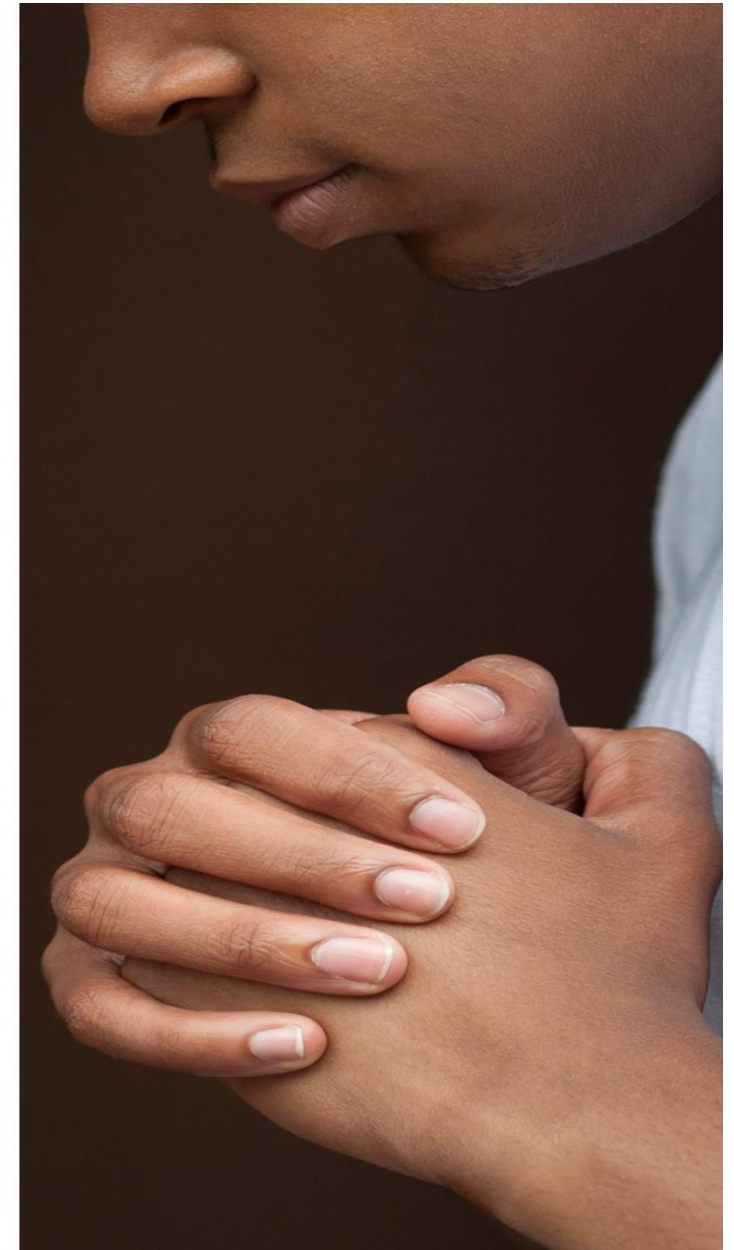
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“God, be
MERCIFUL
to me,
a sinner!”

Luke 18:13, NRSV



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