

# THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Prelude** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

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

**\*Opening (Stand) #405 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"** *SOLID ROCK*

**\*Call to Worship (Stand)**

The Creator who gives life to the dead  
Calls us to live a new life.

**The Lord who creates life from nothing  
Liberates us for authentic living!**

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
And all their hosts by the breath of God.

**How can we do less than to live in truth,  
And to seek to be the people God has called us to be?**

Follow the voice of the God who calls you.

Hope against hope and come out of your gloom!

†Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

**\*Opening Prayer (Stand)** Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

**Song of Faith** "Remembrance" Worship Team

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

**The First Reading** Genesis 12:1-9

**The Second Reading** Romans 4:13-25

**\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**\*Responsorial (Stand) #350 "The Summons"** *KELVINGROVE*

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

**Children's Sermon** (Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Mission Moment** One Great Hour of Sharing Video

**OGHS Litany of Responsive Reading** Adapted from Galatians 6:9-10

Leader: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right..."

**People: But sometimes we are tired.**

Leader: "For we will reap a harvest of righteousness if we do not give up.

**People: But we do not always see the harvest that is in front of us, and sometimes we want to quit.**

Leader: "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all..."

**People: We hear the invitation today, right here, to work together for the common good.**

Leader: "And especially for those of the family of faith."

**People: Together, in Jesus' name, we celebrate it's time to share.**

**Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations** - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**A Prayer of Illumination & The Message**

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

**Invitation to Faith and Fellowship**

**\*Closing Hymn (Stand) #443 "Trust and Obey"** *TRUST AND OBEY*

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

## 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 and 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 the 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 the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. 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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