

November 14, 2021  
25rd Sunday after Pentecost



Leading Worship Today:

**Pastor:** Brian Entz

**Lay Leader:** Ashton Olsen

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen

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*Please read along with all **Bold** text*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

*-Revelation 21:1-4*

#### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us bless the Lord who gives us counsel;

**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

Let us keep the Lord always before us;

**because God is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.**

Therefore let our hearts be glad, and our souls rejoice;

**let our bodies also rest secure.**

For you do not give us up to Sheol,

**or let your faithful ones see the Pit.**

You show us the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;**

**in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

**#409 God is Here!**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### \*RESPONSE

*The Gloria Patri #581*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen. Amen.**

### WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1-18 (NRSV)

4On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; 5but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. 6Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. 7So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 8Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

9After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. 10She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. 11She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

12As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. 13Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." 15But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. 16Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." 17Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." 18And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

19They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. 20In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 10:11-14 (NRSV)

11And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," 13and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." 14For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 15And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 16"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," 17he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." 18Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## HYMN

**#357 The Days are Surely Coming**

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8 (NRSV)

1As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

3When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

As the Deer

Words and music Nystrom Arr. Wilson

*Let us present ourselves to God as those  
who have been delivered from death to life.  
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



\*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*OFFERING PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all compassion, hear now our prayers for the world you created and love.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, for the Presbyterian Church USA, and for this congregation. Continue your sanctifying work in us, by the power of your Spirit, and lead us to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to those in need.

We pray for our country and its leaders; may they govern with justice, humility, and peace.

We pray for the world; especially for Haiti, Afghanistan, and all areas in the midst of disaster and distress.

We pray for your good creation; for all areas experiencing extremes of nature, especially Minnesota as some of our state is in the midst of drought. Bring rain, warmth, cold, sun, and shade to all places in need of their nourishment.

We pray for those who are sick, injured, or in recovery; especially those with COVID 19. We pray especially for Elaine, Paul, Marquetta, Christy and her family, and...

We pray for those who hunger and thirst, for those with no place to call home, for those with no community of support and companionship. Meet their needs, O God of provision, and where possible enable us to give of our bounty for their sake.

We pray for those in grief, those suffering from stress, anxiety, and loneliness; may they find comfort in the loving presence of your Spirit.

We pray for all people and situations that have gone unnamed; those held close in the quiet of our hearts and those known only to you...

We pray that you would deepen our faith and strengthen our commitment to you and the reign of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people.

In your great mercy, look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help, for you are gracious, O lover of souls.

To you we give glory, O blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

### 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN

**#321 The Church's One Foundation**

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Larger Print Hymns:** Please see an usher if you would like a copy of larger print hymns.

**Children's Bulletins:** Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

### WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is adapted from from Psalm 16.

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are taken from the Book of Common Worship (2018).

The Prayers of the People are adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018)

### MUSIC LICENSES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** This year we will have **one** Christmas Eve service. The service will be on December 24, at 7:00 pm. The service will be live-streamed for those who can't attend in person.

**2022 Pledge Forms:** Please return pledge forms by mail or bring them to church as soon as possible. There are extra Stewardship letters and pledge forms available in the narthex.

**Nursery Volunteers:** We are looking to expand our Nursery volunteers. Please let Christy or Pastor Brian know if you are interested.

**Volunteers for Pray and Play:** The Faith Formation Committee is seeking individuals who would like to volunteer on a rotational basis during Coffee and Conversation time to supervise our children while they engage in fellowship with each other during Pray & Play. Your responsibility would be to lead the children in a prayer (provided by the Faith Formation Committee) afterward you can choose to supervise the children as they play or unleash your inner child and challenge them to one of the many available games. Please let Christy know if you are interested in becoming part of the Pray & Play team.

**Foster a Teen:** Wright County has an IMMEDIATE need for foster providers willing to care for teens. Orientation is now offered online. Please contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484 or [Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us](mailto:Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us)

**Guy's Breakfast:** The men are meeting for breakfast at Perkins on Tuesdays at 7:30am. Come enjoy great fellowship and food!

**Prayer Shawls:** This group meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the church. Contact Virginia Johnson with questions.

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