

9:00 a.m.

Devotional Service

October 2, 2022

Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcome and Life in the Community

*Hymn 317 ***In Christ There Is No East or West*** MC KEE

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

People: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People: Even as we hope in you. (Psalm 33)

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, when we let you touch the deep places within us, we are moved to tears of remorse. Again and again, we violate the best you intend for us, in order to pursue our own whims and desires. We labor for food that perishes and ignore the Bread of Life. We take for ourselves what you intend for others, and resent you questioning our stewardship. We settle for fragmentation rather than working for unity. Forgive and heals us, God.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 46 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 489-490 in the pew Bible.]

Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 190 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation ***God's Sustaining Presence*** The Rev. Vance Polley

Dedicating our Gifts and Tithes ~ **See oursunrise.org to give securely online**
(In the *Offering*, we dedicate our lives and a portion of the resources God has entrusted to us. Your gifts may be dedicated online, by mail, or in-person.)

*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication and Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *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.

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 275 ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** EIN' FESTE BURG

*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.