



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE

"Aria"

Paul Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

All: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

One: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

One: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide. Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

All: We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!

*GATHERING HYMN “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” #55 *New Century Hymnal*
vv.1-4

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;
Your festal banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Bright youth and seasoned age, strong souls and spirits meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God’s wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**With voice as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as you go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

Loving God, today we confess that we have more idols in our lives than we are willing to name. Forgive us for the many times we have substituted trust in family, trust in money, or trust in things for trust in you. Forgive us for the times we have set our affections more upon our children or upon our lifestyle than upon you. Forgive us for being distracted when we thought we perceived your absence or for running back to old habits when we feared we were on our own. Remind us that we are never alone and need not find our own solutions. Remind us that you are our God, and that you are always at work for our good.
(Silent confession)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

No matter what we have done or what we have left undone, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God’s love!
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” v.5

**Praise God who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore,
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God for evermore!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM “The Gift of Love” Hal Hopson

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Pew Bible p.955

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Diane (DeeDee) Yanczer

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” #417 NCH v.1-4

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God’s mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit’s daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths and sure to find.

**Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings--our God is making all things new.**

RESPONDING

We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY "Andante" from "Partita on Hyfrydol" Charles Callahan
(Offer to God and then use this time for prayer. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen")

**Praise God, the Giver and the Gift,
Hearts, minds and voices now uplift, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the breath of glad surprise, Freeing, uplifting, opening eyes.
Three-In-Oneness, Love Communing, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #82 NCH
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" from "Melodic Suite" Charles Callahan

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes

(1) and (2) Adapted from "Discipleship Ministries"
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