

Service For The Lord's Day  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat., August 15, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Anni Thorn, Pastor  
Myra Taylor, Worship Musician

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**WE APPROACH GOD IN WORSHIP**

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude: "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: When hatred and division separate us,

P: **God's love binds us together.**

L: When quarrels estrange us from one another,

P: **Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.**

L: When we feel excluded and left out,

P: **The Spirit's peace eases our pain.**

L: When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

P: **God's grace restores our hope.**

L: Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Eternal God, part the veil that blinds us to our unity as your beloved children. When those we love hurt and betray us, help us let go of our pain and find the balm of forgiveness. When we feel abandoned by those we trust, help us seek your peace and reconciliation. When our hearts are pierced with anguish, help us find those who will bring us solace, through your loving Spirit. Amen.**

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of Love, we have come here today for a family reunion! We know that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. Each of us is your precious child. And yet there is division in this family. There is sibling rivalry, old resentments, new irritations. We are quick to anger, slow to forgive. We would rather choose our relatives, than acknowledge the all-inclusive nature of your family. Open our hearts to your love, and show us the way of**

**reconciliation. Teach us to see each brother and sister with your eyes. Help us claim our heritage as your own children, and live together in unity as your family.**

**Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance - from Genesis 45, Psalm 133, Romans 11

L: Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves, for the God who reconciled Joseph and his brothers, can surely reconcile us. God's mercy extends to everyone. Rejoice and live into God's forgiveness!

P: **Praise be to God. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

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**WE LISTEN AND SHARE GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 NRSV OT p. 42

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**WE RESPOND WITH THE GIFT OF OUR LIVES**

\*Hymn of Response: "Be Thou My Vision"

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Joys and Concerns - Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 Offering of our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

Offertory: *You may place your offerings in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary as you leave worship.*

Prayer of Dedication

\*Benediction

Please be seated after the Benediction. The usher will dismiss you by pews, beginning at the back of the sanctuary.

Postlude: "Help Us Accept Each Other"

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**Church Nursery:** The church nursery is available for parents who have a need to take their child there during today's service. It is closed to all others during this time.

**Cell Phones:** Please turn cell phones to silent during the worship service. Thank you

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Thursday, August 20**

6:00 p.m. Session - Meeting in fellowship hall

#### **Thursday, August 27**

6:00 p.m. Christian Ed Committee via Zoom

### **AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, August 15**

9:30 a.m. Worship in SANCTUARY with Pastor Anni

#### **Sunday, August 16**

9:30 a.m. ONLINE Worship

#### **Saturday, August 22**

9:30 a.m. Worship in SANCTUARY with Pastor Anni

#### **Sunday, August 23**

9:30 a.m. ONLINE Worship

#### **Saturday, August 29**

9:30 a.m. Worship in SANCTUARY with Pastor Anni

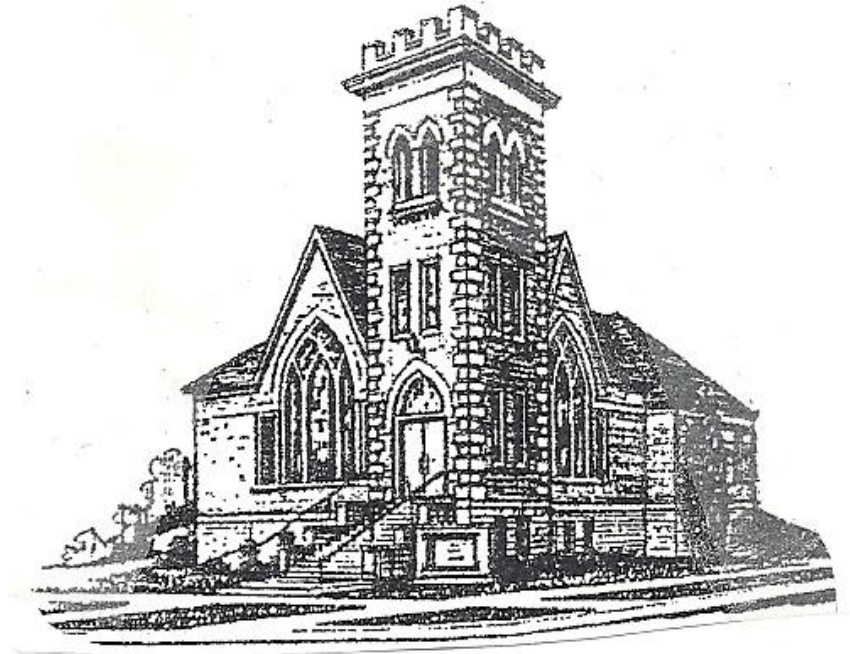
#### **Sunday, August 30**

9:30 a.m. ONLINE Worship

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