

**Service For The Lord's Day**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, August 30, 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: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" PH #138

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: Holy, holy, holy.

P: **Holy God is here.**

L: Holy, holy, holy.

P: **Love has called us here.**

L: Holy, holy, holy.

P: **We gather to worship our holy God.**

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Holy God, we come this day, into this sacred moment and this sacred space, aware that your holiness is always around us. As Moses before us, when we turn aside from our daily tasks, and we listen for your holy voice, speak to us in holy mystery. Surround us with your wondrous love, that we might be wise enough to understand your call and be brave enough to follow your path. Amen.**

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**In the midst of your holy presence, O God, we encounter a mystery deeper than the foundations of the earth. You are who you are, sacred and indefinable. Forgive us when we try to put you in a box, or frame you in our own image. Help us as we allow your divine image to define and shape us. Speak mercy and grace to us, when we deny the path before us, and guide us with your shepherding love, when we are unsure of how to follow. Strengthen us and give us the courage to say: "Here I am, ready to love and serve." In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

L: We are in the presence of the Holy One, whose holiness is

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

\*Gloria Patri

PH #579

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

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15 NRSV

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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: "Here I Am, Lord"

PH #525

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

L: God sends us to serve.

P: **Here I am, ready to serve!**

L: God sends us to love.

P: **Here I am, ready to love!**

L: God sends us to bless the world.

P: **Here I am, ready to bless the world!**

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

Postlude: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" PH #540

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Thursday, September 3**

11:00 a.m. PW Board

12:00 noon PW Gathering  
6:00 p.m. MEM Committee

**Sunday, September 6**

9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion in Sanctuary & Online

**Sunday, September 13**

9:30 a.m. Worship with Diane Fisher giving the message - in Sanctuary & Online

**Sunday, September 20**

9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary or Online

**Thursday, September 24**

6:00 p.m. Christian Ed Committee

7:00 p.m. Session with Confirmands

**Sunday, September 27**

9:30 a.m. Worship with Confirmation - in Sanctuary or Online

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** In *September* we will gather in the sanctuary for worship on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** We are attempting to live stream the service. Please give us grace as we try to keep the entire congregation connected together in worship. It has certainly been a challenge but we want to bring you worship as best we can. For those who are watching online we are hoping the service will be uploaded in a timely manner by 11:00 or 12:00.

**COMMUNION: Sunday, September 6 will be Communion**

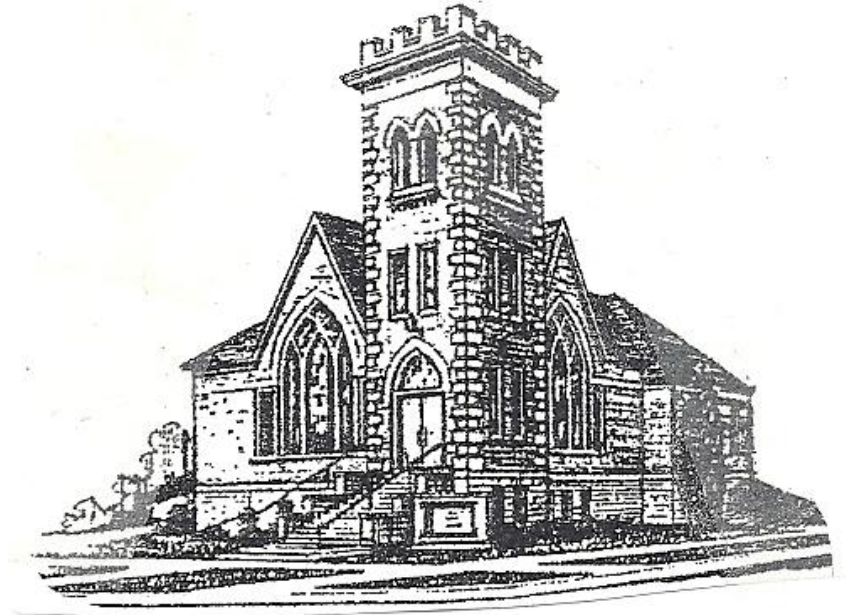
**Sunday.** We invite you to join us as we share Holy Communion in the sanctuary or in your home online. You are encouraged to set up communion at home to partake together with those attending in the sanctuary. Before the time of the service you will want to pre-prepare some bread, a slice or a small loaf of any kind of bread. Let it be something you alone or you with others in your house may break and share. Prepare a cup or cups of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry- or wine. Set these elements in the living room or kitchen where you experience worship electronically with our faith community.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: PW Gatherings will resume beginning on Thursday, September 3!** The P.W. Board will meet in the basement at 11:00 a.m. We will then gather at 12:00 noon in fellowship hall to have lunch and fellowship. Everyone is to bring a sack lunch and their own drink. A devotion and business meeting will follow. Masks will be required and we will be practicing social distancing.

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