

Service For The Lord's Day
Sept. 6, 2020 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** **9:30 a.m.**
Rev. Anni Thorn, Pastor
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WE APPROACH GOD IN WORSHIP

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

P: **A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.**

L: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

P: **The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.**

L: As we break the bread and share the cup,

P: **our understanding may fail us.**

L: But we will never forget Christ's example.

P: **We will never forget the full extent of his love.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of love and judgement, when the Egyptians enslaved your people, your love set them free; when rulers oppress the poor and powerless, your judgement brings peace and justice to the land. Reach our minds, O God, that we may fulfill your law of love. Touch our hearts, Holy One, that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, help us become people you have created us to be. We yearn to build communities of love, but it is easier to tear down than to build up. We long for the healing of the nations, but it is easier to harm than to heal. We want to bear our grief with dignity, but it is satisfying to parade our wounds for all to see. Bind up our spirits, Gracious One, that we might reconcile with those who have caused us pain. Help us cast aside the things that chain our spirits, that we might be free to care for one another and fulfill your law of love. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

L: Hear the words of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered

P: **Amen.**

WE LISTEN AND SHARE GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:1-14 NRSV

L: This is the Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

WE RESPOND WITH THE GIFT OF OUR LIVES

Prayers of Intercession

The Offering of our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Liturgy

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

P: **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer (unison)

We bless you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

L: God has put a new song in our hearts.

P: **We go to sing a new song to the Lord.**

L: God has put a song of justice and peace in our souls.

P: **We go to bring a new song to the world.**

L: God has put a song of joy in our very being.

P: **We go to live a new song with every step we take.**

L: Go in God's peace. Amen.

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in my name, I am

LOOKING AHEAD

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

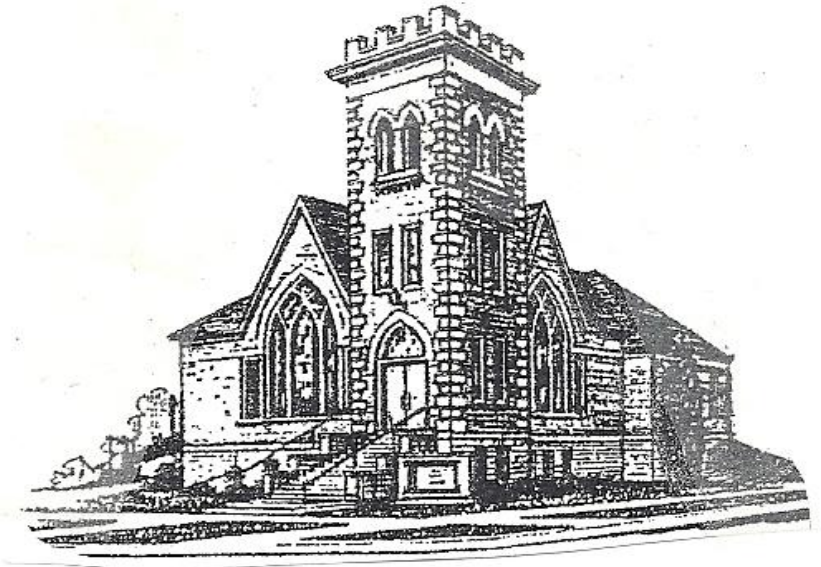
9:30 a.m. Worship with Confirmation - in Sanctuary or Online

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Beginning **September 13** 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 via Facebook or Youtube we are hoping the service will be uploaded in a timely manner by 11:00 or 12:00.

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