**11th Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 13, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God**’**s Word**

\*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing the Bell

**Preparing for God’s Word**

\*Call to Worship

[loosely based on Exodus 1: 8-2: 10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20]

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth,

**People: Who comes to our aid in times of need, who gives us the courage to do what we know is right, who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord.**

Leader: This is our God! Let us offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God as our spiritual act of worship this morning.

**People: May we be transformed by the renewing of our mind and our worship today.**

\*Hymn of Adoration

#838, “Standing on the Promises,” vs. 1,2, 4

Prayer of Confession

*[time of silent personal confession]*

**All: Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. You know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come with stubborn and prideful hearts to worship. And yet, even though we sin and fall short so often, you still allow us to turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Romans 5: 1-2]

Leader: Hear the Good News. Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace  
in which we stand;  
**People: Because of Christ, we can boast in the hope of sharing the glory of God. Praise God.**

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, “Jesus Loves Me.” After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#216, “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

13 “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food” — but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

18   Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Sermon

“The Trickier Bits… the Resurrection of the Body”

**Responding to God**’**s Word**

**\***Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostle’s Creed]

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Music

\*Response

#606, The Doxology, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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 for us to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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. 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.**

\*Hymn of Response

#468, “In My Life” vs. 1, 3, 4

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

#2282, “I’ll Fly Away,” vs. 2

\*Postlude

\*Please Stand if Able