

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”

\*Please stand if able...

PRELUDE

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**People: From the storms and struggles of life we come.**

Leader: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God’s will provide peace for you.

**People: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

Leader: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

**People: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.**

**AMEN**

**\*OPENING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

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### **LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

October 24<sup>th</sup> Norma Purkat  
October 31<sup>st</sup> DeEtta Annala  
November 7<sup>th</sup> John Malevich

### **USHER SCHEDULE**

October 24<sup>th</sup> John Malevich  
October 31<sup>st</sup> DeEtta Annala  
November 7<sup>th</sup> Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

### **YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

October 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Peterson  
October 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Malevich  
November 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Jagunich

Scripture Readings for next week (October 31<sup>st</sup>)

Psalm 146 (UMH 858)

Ruth 1:1-18

Hebrews 9:11-14

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are planning on giving out Halloween Candy from the church on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will open the doors by 5:00 p.m. to greet the trick or treaters.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Great Triune God, through Jesus Christ, our great and eternal High Priest, we give you praise and consecrate ourselves to follow you. As we worship you and celebrate your glorious resurrection, open our eyes so that we may see; open the eyes of our mind to learning and understanding; open the eyes of our heart, to love and compassion; open the eyes of our of our soul, to see our spiritual selves during our time of worship. AMEN**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. AMEN**

**PSALM READING:** Psalm 34 (read responsively – page 769 UMH)

\*HYMN: *Wonderful Words of Life* 600

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent prayers...

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN**

\*HYMN: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* 452

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Hebrews 7:23-28

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 10:46-52

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**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC**  
**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN**

Please leave your offering in the plate on the stand as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Extravagantly Generous God, there is nothing we have, there is nothing we require, there is nothing we long for that does not pale when placed beside the relationship you've offered to us. As we bring our gifts to you, remind us of the covenant you put before Israel: "If they will be my people I will be their God." Receive what we give in gratitude for your invitation, and help us be your people, reflected in our love for you and for all your children. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who gave all there was to give for us. AMEN**

BENEDICTION

**HYMN:** *More Like You*

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POSTLUDE