

Date: 10/23/2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Once again we plan on giving out bags of candy on Halloween. Donations of candy are greatly appreciated.

Bible Study is on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to join us at any time.

Call to worship:

L: Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

P: Happy are those who live in your courts—those who are satisfied with the goodness of your house and your holy temple.

L: You are the hope of all things, Holy One, from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

P: You make the gateways of the evening and the morning shout for joy.

L: Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

Opening Hymn: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Opening Prayer:

God of all generations, on this Reformation Sunday, we remember mothers and fathers in the faith who took bold steps in new directions to re-form your church. Pour out your spirit upon us, that we too may dream dreams, see visions, and view the whole created order as your bountiful temple. With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to renew this temple, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, we confess this day to engaging in habits that diminish the bounty of your creation. Not satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple, your seas and mountains, your rain and soil, we have fashioned a system of sustenance that seems good to us, but cannot be sustained. Be merciful to us, for we have sinned. Answer us with awesome deeds of deliverance, O Hope of the Earth. Give us vision and a prophetic spirit. Renew our vocation, as stewards of your creation. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 65 (responsive reading page 789 in the Hymnal)

HYMN: He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought 128

Children's Time

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer

*HYMN: Just as I Am Without One Plea 357

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:23-32

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

Message

*HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Offering

Offertory Prayer:

God of the universe, you were with us at the beginning of our lives, and you will be by our side when we draw our last breath. In between, we struggle through life, too often trying to find our way based on our own wants and desires. In our giving to you this day, may you bless us so that we might better keep our eyes focused on you, that one day we might be able to echo your servant Paul as he said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. We pray this in the name of Jesus who loved us even to the cross! Amen

Benediction:

*HYMN: More Like You

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Postlude