



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

October 22, 2023

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Antonio Hunt

arr. John Carter

CHORAL INTROIT

Let the Whole Creation Cry
Chancel Choir

Kettring

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marlie Richardson

One: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

ALL: *For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, and we are all made to drink of one Spirit.*

One: Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

ALL: *If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.*

One: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

ALL: *God has given us different gifts, but we will strive together in Christ's name. Let us worship our Creator, who is the Lord of all creation!*

*HYMN: 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

One: Merciful God, we confess with sorrow that we have trusted in ourselves and regarded others as less than ourselves. Our voices have been silent when we should have spoken. Our words have rung out when we should have been silent.

ALL: *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.*
(Silent prayers)

One: Lord, we confess with sadness and grief that we have failed those who trusted us and hurt those who needed us. Too many times we have pursued our own desires at the expense of others. Too many times we have taken your gifts for granted.

ALL: *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.*

(Silent prayers)

One: Lord, we confess with hope and faith our need of your healing, and our trust in your grace. Cleanse us, we pray, and open us to your transforming grace.

ALL: *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, and re-make us in your image.*

(Silent prayers)

One: Forgive us O God - and show us the way to new life.

ALL: *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Touch us and make us whole. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*

CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor does He seek revenge when we forsake Him. Rather, the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who love him. *(from Psalm 103)*

ALL: *Thanks be to God, for His loving kindness has freed us both to give and to receive forgiveness! Once we were no people, but now we are God's people! Alleluia! Amen!*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. John Carter

Antonio Hunt

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lindsey Patterson

NEW MEMBER

Jon Ellis + Abby Nichols (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Rev. John White

RECEPTION:

Blest be the Tie that Binds (Hymn 306)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

*HYMN: 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marlie Richardson

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8 (page 866)

Marlie Richardson

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2 (page 161-162)

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word
of the Lord endures forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Face of Christ

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Philippians 2:5-11*

Marlie Richardson

We will strive to be like Christ, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Setting of Great is Thy Faithfulness

Antonio Hunt

Marlie Richardson

arr. Antonio Hunt

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Marlie Richardson

SENDING

***HYMN: 541** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

***PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES**

Rev. John White

***HYMN: 288** *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Antonio Hunt

arr. Antonio Hunt