

October 29, 2023 ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta, liturgist

Prelude ~ “*Resurrection Power*” (T. Brown, E. Cash & R. Ellis) ~ special guests *Committed* from Grace Bible Chapel and the Celebration Choir

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: **God is an ever present help in times of trouble.**

Leader: Through the grace of the Lord, we are a new creation.

People: **We have died to sin but have come alive in Christ. Amen.**

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn ~ “Holy Is the Lord” (L. Giglio/C. Tomlin)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Holy Lord, you have given us our salvation and new life. But we confess, Lord, that often we think we can be the ones to save ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we choose sin and selfishness over you. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #649 ~ “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*” (v.1)
*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #611 ~ “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” (v.1)
*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

Offering Prayer

**Offertory#647 ~ “Give Thanks”*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 46

Special Music ~ "Hymn of Heaven" (C. Davenport & P. Wickham) - special guests
Committed from Grace Bible Chapel and the Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ John 8:31-36

Message ~ "Set Free by Grace"

*Hymn #288 ~ "Spirit of the Living God"

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.
Congregational Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in 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.

*Hymn #275 ~ "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Benediction

*Choral Response #542 ~ "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (v.1)
*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

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**A memorial service will be held for Doris Knecht on
Sunday, November 5 at 3:00PM in the sanctuary.**

From Kathy Potter... Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our 2023 Fall Fun Festival!!! We welcomed 42 children & their families who enjoyed trunk or treat, a hotdog roast, games, activities, crafts & most importantly, the gospel of Christ!!!! Thanks to those who

planned, prepared, provided treats, ran activities, passed out candy from their trunks, welcomed our guests, & so much more! Thanks be to God!

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



Steve Boyak, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz
Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson
Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of the late Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis