

October 16, 2022 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta , liturgist

Prelude ~ *"You are My Hiding Place"* (M. Ledner) ~ Celebration Ringers

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: We walk by faith and not by sight.

People: We are guided by the grace and love of God.

Leader: Lord, may we follow where you lead and listen when you call.

People: May we be faithful followers and reflections of you and your Kingdom,
O Lord. Amen.

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

**Hymn #175 ~ "Seek Ye First"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you call us to follow you and bring our concerns and hopes to you.
We thank you for that gift. Yet we confess that at times we get distracted and
discouraged and doubt whether you listen or care for us. Forgive us, Lord.
Remind us that you are always with us, listening and sharing your love with us.
Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer).

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #406 ~ *"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"*

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"I Love This Family"* (arr. C. Bowes)

*I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,
They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.*

Offering Prayer

**Offertory #835 ~ "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* (refrain only)

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Genesis 32:22-31

Special Music ~ *"With a Heart of Thanks"* (V. Johnson) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 18:1-8

Message ~ "Be Persistent"

*Hymn #701 ~ *"Sanctuary"*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation#469 ~ *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit to this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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.

*Hymn #649 ~ *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

*Benediction

*Response ~ *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* (v. 1)

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Postlude

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From Kathy Potter and the Faith Formation Committee...

Fall Fun Festival 2022 is Saturday, October 22, 4-6pm! We are piggy-backing off our VBS theme this year and focusing on The Armor of God! Activities, crafts, games, raffle & maybe even refreshments will be celebrating the gracious provision of God of protection and empowerment through the Armor of God given for believers in Christ!

Fall Fun festival is designed for children through 5th grade and their families to celebrate this

season of beauty and harvest! Encourage friends and family within your circle to come on out and join in the fun! Costumes are encouraged! Maybe even some “armor” themed costumes of all varieties (Ironman, knights in shining armor, armadillos, turtles...Ninja or otherwise ...who knows?!) will show up! Trunk or Treat, the Holy Ghost Weiner Roast, and some other old favorites will be available with new twists on the theme! And it’s all free...our gift to the community. We will also be collecting new winter hats, mittens & gloves that will be donated to Covenant House in Detroit. So, consider making a purchase and leaving it in the box in the lobby through October 30th. Of course, we need lots of workers to pull this event off! Please prayerfully consider what your role will be this fall! We need trunks full of treats for Trunk or Treat! We need people to oversee all our activities inside & outside! We need healthful refreshments & apple cider donated. And our Fall Festival Work night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th, 6-9pm in Room 15. Watch for the sign up sheets in the lobby & let us know how you can help! Rain or shine, we hope to see you there!

Drop -A-Line!! Sunday, October 23rd will bring an opportunity to connect with and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ within our own congregation! Our church family is not always together physically for a variety of reasons: some are home or facility bound, some live far away, some worship online, some in person. So, it’s not always easy to connect with each other. Yet, scripture tells us to “...encourage one another and build each other up...” in 1 Thessalonians 5:11. So, on Sunday, October 23rd, the Faith Formation Committee will be providing card packets along with addresses, so that anyone who would like to can pick up a packet, write an encouraging note, & send it to another! Each card packet will contain 5 cards & addresses. If you are not in worship that Sunday & would like to pick up a packet, please contact Kathy Potter at christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church or 313-719-8467 before October 23rd & we can make sure one is left for you in the church office, or we can make other arrangements. We are asking participants to provide postage. If this is something you are unable to do, just let a Faith Formation Committee member know on Sunday. Please prayerfully consider participating!

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



Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis
Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff, Steve Boyak
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham
Rita Czanko ~ cousin of Terry Earnley
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; 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
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Duksay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob 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 Shilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

Lord, Prepare Me

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Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY
Irregular

Christ Be Beside Me

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1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on
 hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that
 low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for “breastplate” or “armor.” It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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