Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Prelude - Jubilation - Jason Payne
Psalm 98:4 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth."

Call to Worship (From John 1 and John 20)
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son.

But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, He is the Son of God, and through believing we have life in his name.

Opening Hymn No. 600** - Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me,

wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
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Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. (Refrain)

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. (Refrain)

Invocation

Almighty God, creator of all that is and was and will be. Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so your Spirit is ever present and surrounding us. We acknowledge your presence and welcome you into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 119:72-80

The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Your hands have made and fashioned me;

give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,

because I have hoped in your word.

I know, O LORD, THAT YOUR JUDGEMENTS ARE RIGHT,

AND THAT IN FAITHFULNESS YOU HAVE HUMBLED ME.

LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE BECOME MY COMFORT

ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISE TO YOUR SERVANT.

LET YOUR MERCY COME TO ME, THAT I MAY LIVE;

FOR YOUR LAW IS MY DELIGHT.

LET THE ARROGANT BE PUT TO SHAME,

BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUBVERTED ME WITH GUILE;

AS FOR ME, I WILL MEDITATE ON YOUR PRECEPTS.

LET THOSE WHO FEAR YOU TURN TO ME,

SO THAT THEY MAY KNOW YOUR DECREES.

MAY MY HEART BE BLAMELESS IN YOUR STATUTES,

SO THAT I MAY NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.

PROCLAMATION

THE WORD OF GOD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED FOR ALL AGES

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM - THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME - TOM FETTKE

SERMON - THE BIBLE AND THE WORD

PASTOR JON PRIEBE

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 545** - THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

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IS JESUS CHRIST HER LORD;

SHE IS HIS NEW CREATION

BY WATER AND THE WORD.

FROM HEAVEN HE CAME AND SOUGHT HER

TO BE HIS HOLY BRIDE;
WITH HIS OWN BLOOD HE BOUGHT HER,
AND FOR HER LIFE HE DIED.

ELECT FROM EVERY NATION,
YET ONE O'ER ALL THE EARTH;
HER CHARTER OF SALVATION,
ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BIRTH;
ONE HOLY NAME SHE BLESSES,
PARTAKES ONE HOLY FOOD,
AND TO ONE HOPE SHE PRESSES,
WITH EVERY GRACE ENDUED.

THOUGH WITH A SCORNFUL WONDER
WE SEE HER SORE OPPRESSED,
BY SCHISMS RENT ASUNDER,
BY HERESIES DISTRESSED,
YET SAINTS THEIR WATCH ARE KEEPING;
THEIR CRY GOES UP, "HOW LONG?"
AND SOON THE NIGHT OF WEEPING
SHALL BE THE MORN OF SONG.

MID TOIL AND TRIBULATION,
AND TUMULT OF HER WAR,
SHE WAITS THE CONSUMMATION
OF PEACE FOREVERMORE;
TILL, WITH THE VISION GLORIOUS,
HER LONGING EYES ARE BLEST,
AND THE GREAT CHURCH VICTORIOUS
SHALL BE THE CHURCH AT REST.

YET SHE ON EARTH HATH UNION WITH GOD THE THREE IN ONE, AND MYSTIC SWEET COMMUNION WITH THOSE WHOSE REST IS WON. O HAPPY ONES AND HOLY!
LORD, GIVE US GRACE THAT WE LIKE THEM, THE MEEK AND LOWLY, ON HIGH MAY DWELL WITH THEE.

DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY - I LOVE YOU, LORD - LAURIE KLEIN

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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. AMEN.

SENDING FORTH

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE OTHERS AND WITNESS TO THEIR FAITH.

CLOSING HYMN NO.601** - THY WORD IS A LAMP

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH

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WHEN I FEEL AFRAID

THINK I'VE LOST MY WAY

STILL YOU'RE THERE RIGHT BESIDE ME

AND NOTHING WILL I FEAR

AS LONG AS YOU ARE NEAR

PLEASE BE NEAR ME TO THE END

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH

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I WILL NOT FORGET

YOUR LOVE FOR ME AND YET

MY HEART FOREVER IS WANDERING

JESUS BE MY GUIDE

AND HOLD ME TO YOUR SIDE

I WILL LOVE YOU TO THE END

NOTHING WILL I FEAR AS LONG AS YOU ARE NEAR

PLEASE BE NEAR ME TO THE END

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** - (HYMN No. 666)

SHALOM TO YOU NOW, SHALOM MY FRIENDS. MAY GOD'S FULL MERCIES BLESS YOU, MY FRIENDS. IN ALL YOUR LIVING AND THROUGH YOUR LOVING, CHRIST BE YOUR SHALOM, CHRIST BE YOUR SHALOM.

POSTLUDE - THE SOLID ROCK - LANI SMITH



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND ARE GIVEN

In honor of the 65^{th} anniversary of Dee Dee and Don Sultzbach.

LITURGIST: SHARON NERHOOD

SERVICE MUSIC: SUMMER CHOIR

MUSIC: ONE LICENSE A-731491

**Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.

SUMMER OFFERING: THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE IS FOR OUR SPECIAL SUMMER OFFERING. SUMMERTIME PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DO SOMETHING EXTRA LIKE TAKE A TRIP, VISIT OUT OF STATE RELATIVES, SEE A BASEBALL GAME. THE CHURCH IS NO DIFFERENT. WE HAVE SEVERAL "EXTRA" MINISTRIES GOING ON DURING THE SUMMER LIKE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, WORK/MISSION TRIP, CHESS CAMP, EPWORTH CAMP, AND WESLEY CAMP. AS PEOPLE GIVE EXTRA TIME FOR THESE MINISTRIES, YOUR EXTRA FINANCIAL GIFT MAKES THE SUMMER MINISTRIES POSSIBLE.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED: REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES IN THE FALL:

DISCIPLE LIKE JESUS SUNDAYS FROM 9:30 TO 10:45 AM

MINISTRY BY STRENGTHS SUNDAYS FROM 5:45 TO 7 PM FINANCIAL PEACE SUNDAYS FROM 4 TO 6 PM

Financial Peace and Ministry by Strengths begin on Sunday, September 11. Disciple Like Jesus begins on Sunday, October 2. Childcare is available upon request at sign up for the evening classes. For more information, please contact Pastor Karol at Ext. 218.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: YOUTH IN GRADES 7-12 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR YOUTH GROUP AND EPWORTH CHOIR. THE FUN BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 WITH CHOIR REHEARSAL AND A FAMILY MEETING AT 4 PM FOLLOWED BY A SNACK SUPPER AND "MESSY GAMES." THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, AT 9:45. PLEASE CONTACT JEN MCKENNA AT EPWORTHYOUTH 2@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FAMILY PROMISE: GLENDORA HOUSE FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP EACH AND EVERY MONTH. WE ARE COMMITTED TO SEND PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY OF ALL FLAVORS, RAMEN NOODLES (NOT IN CUPS) AND VELVEETA SHELLS AND CHEESE (NOT IN CUPS) AND OUR CUPBOARDS ARE GETTING BARE. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE PUT YOUR DONATIONS IN THE FAMILY PROMISE BIN BY THE CHURCH LIBRARY. GLENDORA HOUSE HOLDS UP TO 46 PEOPLE MAX (10 FAMILIES) SO THE NEED IS GREAT.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: FIRST CHURCH WILL AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING A HOME WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SUMMIT COUNTY. THE HOME WILL BE BUILT IN CUYAHOGA FALLS ON GERMAINE ST. WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE 7 VOLUNTEERS ON EACH OF OUR VOLUNTEER DATES WHICH ARE: SEPTEMBER 7, OCTOBER 8, NOVEMBER 5, AND DECEMBER 17. HABITAT REQUIRES THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS BE 18 TO BE AT A JOB SITE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS MISSION, PLEASE CONTACT KIM KERR AT 330-606-7736 OR EMAIL HER AT KDK3RR@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS AND T-SHIRT SIZE.

Women's Bible Study: We're back! All the ladies of the church and the community are invited to join us for a six week Bible Study beginning the first week of October. There are two opportunities for the same study: Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - noon. This session will be "The Christ-Centered Woman - Finding Balance in a World of Extremes", which is based on Ephesians 3. The cost of the book is \$18. Please call Kathy Kuzas at Ext. 212 to register. The deadline is Monday, September 13.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	JULY	YEAR TO DATE
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
ACTUAL	\$65,760	\$480,614
BUDGET	\$49,310	\$482,208
Over/(Under)	\$16,450	(\$1,594)

NEXT STEPS

The Word of the Lord

Psalm 119:105 - "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet..."

When the Psalms refer to "God's Word," they do not mean our Bible

Word made Flesh

John 1:14 – Jesus is the "Word of God" made flesh among us

Psalm 119:79 – "turn to me" is also an invitation for us to turn to Jesus

Jesus himself is the final Word and revelation of God for us

<u>Questions for Reflection:</u> Jesus is the Word of God, the most complete picture for us of who God is. He is the basis and measuring stick of the Church, then. In what ways does my life in the Church grounded in Jesus and reflect who him is to the world? What must I change about my relationship with the Church to more fully reflect who Jesus is?

Questions for Discussion: Have you ever met God in a profound way through the study of the Bible? How did that encounter come to be? How did it change you?

<u>Memory Verse:</u> John 1:14 – "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."

Readings for this Week: 1 Corinthians 3:7-11, Psalm 91:1-16, 1 John 4:9-12

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

ROBBIE ROBINSON & FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE, MEMBER LOU, ON 8/18.