

## Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

October 29, 2023

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### GATHERING

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name*

**Prelude** - Fantasy on "Terra Beata" (Hymns 144 and 138) - Dean Wagner

**Introit** - Come, Let Us Sing – Ruth Elaine Schram

#### **Call to Worship**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**Lift up your heads, O gates!**

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**We who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

**Opening Hymn 158\*\*** - Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Come, Christians, join to sing*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King,*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice,*

*before His throne rejoice;*

*praise is His gracious choice,*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high,*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky,*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

*He is our Guide and Friend,*

*to us He'll condescend;*

*His love shall never end,*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

*Praise yet the Lord again,*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

*Life shall not end the strain,*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

*On heaven's blissful shore*

*His goodness we'll adore,*

*singing forevermore,*

*"Alleluia, Amen!"*

#### **Invocation**

**Let us remember Jesus: Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and the disordered, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself. Who refused to force people's allegiance. Who was Master and Lord to his disciples, who was among them as their companion and as one who served. Whose desire was to do the will of God who sent him. May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION**

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.*

**Scripture Reading** - Psalm 95:1-5

O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gloria Patri** (sung)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Anthem** - *When the Trumpet Sounds* - Andre Thomas

**God's Word for Young Disciples**

**Scripture Reading** - John 13:1-7

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** - *Serve*

Pastor Jon Priebe

### **RESPONSE**

*The people of God respond to the Word*

**Hymn of Response 273\*\*** - *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

*Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.*

*Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.*

**Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory** - *I'm Goin' Up a Yonder* - Martin Sirvatka

*If anybody asks you where I'm goin' soon,  
So if you wanna know where I'm goin real soon,  
I'm goin' up a yonder to be with my Lord.*

*If I can take the pain, the heartache that it brings,  
There's comfort in knowing I'll soon be home.  
If God gives me grace, I'll run this race,  
And soon I'll see my Savior face to face.  
I'm goin' up a yonder to be with my Lord. Goin' home.  
(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)*

**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/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 110\*\*** - *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,*

*on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
thru him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.*

***Benediction and Response*** - *May the Lord Watch Over You* - Ruth Elaine Schram

***Postlude*** - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* - Vaclav Nelhybel



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given**

in honor of the EOE Emmaus Walk #102, by Kim Kerr, Janet Dodson, Tori Joneikis, and Sandi Robinson.

**Service Music:** Chancel Ringers; Dean Wagner, Native American flute; Roger Lewis conducting; Chancel Choir; Epworth Choir; Katie Walker and Elliotte Barker, soloists

**Music:** One License A-731491

**NEXT STEPS**

## **Paradigm Shift**

*John 13:5* – Why did Jesus wash his disciple’s feet?

Guests’ feet were customarily washed by a servant of the host

## **B.L.E.S.S.**

vs. 3 – Jesus, king of the universe, holds all things in his hands

vs. 5 – yet he also chose to hold their feet in those same hands

following Jesus causes a reorientation of our relationships with others

Questions for Reflection: By washing his disciples’ feet (even Judas who would betray him and Peter who would deny him) Jesus reveals how upside-down the world is without him. The least is the greatest; those who are first shall be last and the greatest shall be the servant of all.

How has serving another revealed this reorientation of the world to you? What would need to be reorganized in your life to make room to serve your neighbor this way?

Question for Discussion: How does the image of Jesus, King of the Universe, kneeling to wash his disciples’ feet sit with you? Imagine if other powerful people in our world took this posture. How might the world look different?

Memory Verse: *John 13:3* – “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands...”

Readings for this Week: John 3:1-17, Matthew 20:20-28, John 3:1-17

**All Hallow's Eve Celebration** - This yearly event, for children aged 4 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will take place on **TODAY**, during ROCK (5:45 to 7 p.m.). Activities will include dinner, a story, crafts, games, prizes and treat bags. Costumes (non-violent) are welcome. Younger children may attend if accompanied by a parent. Please register as soon as possible so that we can plan for you.

**Used Book Donations and Sale:** The United Woman in Faith is holding their annual Book Sale in Wesley Hall. On sale will be used adult and children's books, puzzles, DVD's, and more. We are looking for donations of these items from October 30 - November 2. Please bring all donations to the church on these dates and come back for the big sale on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All profits go to a variety of local and national missions.

**2024 Altar Flowers:** We are taking orders for altar flowers in 2024. The **new cost is \$40** and the church takes care of the ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at Ext. 210 or cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com.

**Family Promise:** Several of our bins are very low again! We have plenty of peanut butter and jelly for the next several months, but are nearly out of ramen noodles ( no cups) and Velveeta shells and cheese (no cups.) All donations go in the bin labeled for FP which is by the library.

**Christmas For Good Neighbors:** Good Neighbors has started their holiday drive in order to provide gift bags for the children they serve. Items they are requesting are winter-themed reading books, coloring books, sticker books, and puzzles. They would like to have any such donations by early November.

**We Are Collecting For: Blessing Box:** We're running low and could use canned or boxed goods, ramen noodles, personal hygiene items etc. **For Children's Christmas Items:** play dough, markers, and coloring books.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** The florist has given us an early deadline, so now is the time to order the poinsettias which will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. The plants are \$9 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make your check out to First Church and return it with the order to the church office by noon on Friday, November 3.

Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In memory or honor of (circle one)

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**PRAYER BULLETIN**  
**OCTOBER 29, 2023**



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**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

Linda Balmaseda and family on the death of her husband, Cesar on 10/15.  
Family of Mary Beth Milford on her death on 10/18