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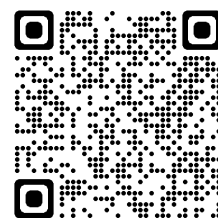
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023 ~ 8:30AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

(arr. Phillip Keveren)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Please sign the registration pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew

CALL TO WORSHIP

"When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

"When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

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God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence...

[A time of silence is kept.]

We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #578

God of Love and God of Power

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Here I Am Lord

(arr. Sherman)

✠DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word;
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PSALTER #828 (8:30)

Psalms 105:1-11

HYMN OF PREPARATION #398

Jesus Calls Us

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

"The Requirements for Water-Walking"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH#13

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #512

Stand By Me

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER ~ (11:00) Melanie Hearne

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues

(arr. Phillip Keveren)

✠ Stand as able

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
my parents, Beecher and Isloe Faust and my daughter, Pat Wilkins by Peggy Sagan.

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Laura Parker; Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Tom East

Liturgist: Emily Garner

Acolytes: (8:30) Anne Frances Bobo (11:00) Sims Peters, Logan Peters

Communion Servers: (8:30) Kim and John Estes, Erin Jones, Katie Robertson

(11:00) Cheri and Jerri Forte, Emily Garner, Elizabeth Sandoe

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Wright Tapscott

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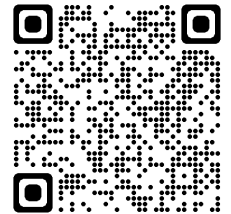
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OPENING SONG

Trust In You

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME~CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Shepard Joshua Searcy and Christopher Luke Searcy
Sons of Alicia and Stephen Searcy

CALL TO WORSHIP

God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky.

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

Everlasting God

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

SERMON

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GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

****Baskets are available to present your offering
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Acolyte: Savannah Grace Jones

Communion Servers:

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