

Worship Service ~ September 3, 2023, 9:00

14th Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Fay Dickey
in memory of Don Dickey.

PRELUDE Alan Ball, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN ELW #835 *ALL CREATURES WORSHIP GOD MOST*
HIGH stz 1, 2, 3

All creatures, worship God most high!

Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;

sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain

you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;

drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, so rich in care,

praise God in colors bright and rare:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O God,

C: we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Meditation on Beach Spring" arr. Karen Lakey
Buckwalter; Bells of Faith, Dean Jensen, director

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

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R: A Gospel reading from the 16th chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Deacon Nina Joygaard

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #665 *RISE, SHINE YOU PEOPLE!* stz 1, 3, 4

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.

Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.



MUSICAL OFFERING *"You Never Let Go"*
Worship Band

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty,

**C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG *BEAUTIFUL THINGS*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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