



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Majesty / Awesome God"

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

All: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Liturgist: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!

All: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Liturgist: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is the Lord!
Psalm 99:1-5

* **All Singing: 538 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 528 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"**
Repeating...

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

All: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Liturgist: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy. *Psalm 99:6-9*

All Singing: “Trisagion” *Ortega*

**Holy God
Holy and mighty
Holy immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us**

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: The Apostle Paul wrote: We know, brothers and sisters, beloved by God, that the Lord has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. And, you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit.

All: For you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. *1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 adapted*

* **All Singing: 772 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

Liturgist: I Thessalonians 5:5-11

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: 749 “Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: World on Fire

* **All Singing: 859 “Be Thou My Vision”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Association for a More Just Society

OFFERTORY “Here I Am, Lord”

Jack Schrader

* **All Singing: 877 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”**
Singing verses 1, 3, and 5

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 938 “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace**

Postlude: “Rigaudon”

Andre Campra

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Vera Hulford
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Sharon Aardema
Vocalists:	Lori & Evelyn Evenhouse	Prayer:	Kara Van Marion
Guitar:	Ty Hillegonds		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
	Henry Evenhouse		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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