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Sunday, November 7, 2021 ~ The Lord's Supper, Youth Sunday

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

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Way of the Week #23

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12: 29-31)*

Music in Preparation for Worship

Prelude #2 in D Minor Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

"Mass for the Convents" Kyrie: Fugue sur le Trompette Layla Joshi, Organ F. Couperin

F. Couperin

continued

Adult Choir; Grace Rykaczewski, Director; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire: Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost Thy sev'n-fold gifts impart.

*Call to Worship

I love the Lord because the Lord is my strength and my song.

Yes, the Lord is my strength, my fortress, and my salvation; my God is my rock, in whom I find rest and protection.

God is my shield, the strength of my help, and the source of my hope.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy of all my praise. I cry out to God because He will free me from my fears.

Let us now call out to God. Let us praise God's powerful name. Let us trust God and open our lives to Him. Come, let us worship God!

Hymn No. 115 (verses 1, 4)

Fairest Lord Jesus

Grace Rykaczewski, Solo; Layla Joshi, Organ

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, to seek and to save the lost. We admit that we have wandered away from you and have turned aside from your ways. We are misled by our pride and we are blinded by our wrongs. For we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, oh God, and forgive our sin. Return us to quiet waters and to right paths. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

God has removed our rebellious acts as far away from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is tender and compassionate to all who seek Him and love Him. Praise the Lord, oh my soul!

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts') Paul Savage

8th Century

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Offertory

Paul Savage

THANK YOU for your faithful giving. Your tithes and offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box located in the narthex. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u>. Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app too.

Offertory Music

Fight the Good Fight

John Gardner Op. 54, No. 5

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes and seek His face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on the guide: His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee. Amen

Sermon

"Transformation vs. Modification"

Scripture Text: <u>Ezekiel 36: 26-27 (NRSV)</u> Sermon Series: A Letter for Exiles

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table The Words of Institution The Prayer of Consecration The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Postlude

Prelude #3 in G Minor Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

Benediction and Going Forth

Congregational Meeting

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Debbie Heller
Ushers:	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
Trustee Greeter:	Patrick McIlroy
Check-In Volunteers:	needed
Interim Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given by Jim Cole in loving memory of Loudell Cole and with thanks to God for a loving wife.

TODAY: Session has called a <u>Special Meeting of the Congregation</u> for **Sunday, November 7, 2021**, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. This meeting will also air via live stream. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Deacon to the Class of 2024.

<u>Updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols from Session</u>: At its October meeting, Session updated our Coronavirus protocols: masks are optional for those fully vaccinated and highly encouraged for those not vaccinated; seat and space as you are comfortable; children 18 and under shall be masked; congregational singing remains suspended; singers shall be masked; no food on premises; masks if anyone under 18 in group. Read the pastor's letter online.

<u>Church Has Left the Building</u>: Thank you to everyone who participated in Church has Left the Building. From our youngest to our oldest congregants, everyone played their part to help our ministry partners and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

If you have not yet returned your 2022 *Estimate of Giving*, kindly return **by November 14** to assist our budget preparations. Return by mail, <u>fill out online</u>, place in the offering, or email to Norm Vandergrift in the church office. As of November 5, we have received 170 pledges en route to our goal of 185.

Sunday, November 14 is Deacon Sunday. Thank you for your support of this hands-on board of ministry.

Installation Service for Rev. Wes Allen will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. There will be an outdoor reception with s'mores and fire pits.

Thanksgiving break – Wed. Nov. 24: no kids groups or middle school youth group; Sun. Nov. 28; no Sunday School or nursery care; no high school youth group. The church office is closed Nov. 25 and Nov. 26 for the holiday.

Longest Night Service will be held Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m. to provide peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression who may not feel the holiday joy. Seminary intern Paul Savage preaches. If you have someone you would like us to invite, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey in the church office so we may send them an invitation letter.

Poinsettia Sales will be November 21, November 28 and December 25. Look for order forms online and at church.

Growing Young: An Important Resource - Churches are both shrinking and aging as more young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, the book, Growing Young provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain young people. It profiles innovative churches engaging 15- to 29-year-olds that are growing-spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with ideas, Growing Young shows ministry leaders how to position their churches to reach younger generations in a way that breathes life into the whole church. Visit the Growing Young website: https://churchesgrowingyoung.com/