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## Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

**Seeking God**, we strive to know God and love God.

**Serving others**, we follow our Servant Savior  
to help bring fullness of life to others.

**Sharing Christ's love with all**, we proclaim the  
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

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(Image on cover: Sunrise at the Iron Cross on the Camino de Santiago. Photo by Elliott Jones Boyle.)

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Panis Angelicus César Franck  
(Bread of Heaven) arr. Martha Powell Setchell

#### CALL to WORSHIP

One: Friends, we gather as fellow travelers,  
awake to possibility but worn by life's demands.

**All: We come broken, yet remain ever hopeful.**  
**We come weary, yet remain expectant.**

**At home in God, enfolded by love,**  
**we come to be encouraged and renewed**  
**in the peace and wholeness**  
**that is Jesus the Christ for us.**  
**We come to worship the Lord of All Hopefulness!**

**HYMN** – "Lord of All Hopefulness" #683

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,**  
**whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:**  
**be there at our waking and give us, we pray,**  
**your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,**  
**whose strong hands were skilled**  
**at the plane and the lathe:**  
**be there at our labors and give us, we pray,**  
**your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,**  
**your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:**  
**be there at our homing and give us, we pray,**  
**your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,**  
**whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:**  
**be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,**  
**your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

#### PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious God, in the fields of our lives,**  
**we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short.**  
**We get so comfortable that we sleep**  
**when we need to be vigilant about the errors**  
**in our own lives and the injustices around us.**

**We are so casual about wrongdoing**  
**that it creeps into our lives**  
**and threatens to overwhelm the good we may do.**

**We do not pay attention to the unjust systems**  
**which shape our lives –**  
**that we must work to transform so that your**  
**Beloved Community may come to be.**  
**Forgive us.**  
**Keep us awake so that we may become**  
**the disciples you call us to be.**  
**Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, there is Good News for us all to hear –  
You are not God's renters or employees;  
you are the Lord's precious family.  
In the words of the apostle Paul,  
"You did not receive a spirit of servitude  
to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption."  
As God's children, in Christ's embrace,  
you are forgiven and free.  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

#### A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Jesus, in the Spirit of Pentecost,**  
**you always come to us.**  
**Whatever point we may find ourselves,**  
**you are always waiting for us.**  
**Open our hearts to what you want us to hear**  
**in your Word today. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

A reading from Genesis 32:22-31

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – "The Impossible Journey: Family" Pastor Lawrence

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**HYMN** – "O for a World" #372

**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,**  
**where love is lived and all is done**  
**with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,**  
**where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family**  
**and struggle with each choice**  
**that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich; the weak are strong;**  
**the foolish ones are wise.**  
**Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,**  
**who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,**  
**where time and tears will be no more,**  
**and all but love will cease.**

#### THE SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE INVITATION

One: This is the table of our Lord, and you are invited.  
Here Jesus welcomes and feeds us,  
Christ renews us and refreshes our spirits.

Come, thankful for God's love for us made manifest  
in the person of Jesus Christ.  
Our savior invites all those who trust him to share  
the feast which he has prepared.

One: *(Singing)* The Lord be with you.

**All: *(Singing)* And Also with you**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### GREAT PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise...  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs  
and with all the faithful  
of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: *(Singing)***  
**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

Pour out your Spirit upon us and these your gifts  
that the bread we break and the cup we bless would  
become a true communion with you  
and with our neighbor.

Give us the strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you in glory.

So we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...  
(Joys and Concerns will be offered up at this time.)  
And now as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray: **Our Father...**

**COMMUNION of the PEOPLE**

**MUSIC for OUR OFFERING** "The Quiet Heart"  
arr. Thomas Keesecker

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**DOXOLOGY** – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**HYMN** – "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" #265  
(vs. 1, 3-5)

**Jesus shall reign where-er  
the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and  
bring honors peculiar to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

**BLESSING**

**In the hallowed name of God,  
we are filled with prayer  
and a sweet thanksgiving.  
Jesus calls us out into a world  
that is sorely in need of both.  
Daily let us offer to the earth  
and its people the fullness of God's joy,  
justice and peace which we have in Christ.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**POSTLUDE** Postlude on "Maccabeus" G. F. Handel  
arr. Jason D. Payne

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**Congregational Concerns**

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**MINISTRY NEWS:**

**Summer Small Group Book Discussion: "I'll Push You"** is an inspirational exploration of the true meaning of friendship and generosity. It is the story of Justin and Patrick, two friends who embark on an 'Impossible Journey' when Patrick agrees to push his lifelong best friend Justin in a wheelchair across the 500-mile pilgrimage of the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain.

Join us for a fellowship-oriented discussion on the book Sunday, August 9 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. With extra copies of the book available and a thematic approach in which you may share your reflections on as much or little of the reading as you wish, it's not too late to let us know of your interest in participating. Simply contact [Pastor Lawrence](#) for more details.

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**School Bags:** Church World Service School Bags may be picked up at the church. Contact the church office if you would like to fill one of the 8 bags remaining, that give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.

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**Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Benefit:** Oxford Farmers Market Uptown has a wonderful program going on this summer for low income seniors (65+). Seniors can shop "for free" with our local produce vendors, and get healthy fruits and vegetables. Farmers are then paid by the USDA!

Please consider sharing this information, or applying yourself. For more information contact the church office, 523-6364.

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# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, August 2, 2020**



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