

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Called to be branches in Christ's body,

**People: we yearn to be connected to the vine.**

Liturgist: Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

**People: we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.**

Liturgist: Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,

**People: we seek God's nurturing presence.**

**All: Let us worship the God who loves us unconditionally!**

\*HYMN *Let Us Plead for Faith Alone* No. 385

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Nurturing God, we come to you this morning with faith but also with some doubts. Are we being good enough? Are we doing enough? Is our faith strong enough? We pray for warmed hearts, the knowledge of your love, and the acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation. Be with us, Lord, as we worship, and go with us as we leave this sanctuary to share the good news with the world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Ephesians 2:1-10*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE *We Believe in One True God* No. 85 vs. 1

**We believe in one true God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, ever present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host; by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

People: **By his mighty power God raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come. God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything everywhere and always. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Rain Down* Jamie Cortez/arr. John Carter

GOSPEL READING *John 15:1-11*  
MESSAGE *"Methodism: Who Are We?"* Pastor Janet Saddel

\*HYMN *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* No. 363

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response           *Surely the Presence of the Lord*           No. 328  
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory                   *I Need Thee Every Hour*                   Robert Lau

\*Congregational Response   Response   Tune: *OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*                   No. 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*HYMN                           *Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love*                   No. 422

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now, and love one another, because love is from God.  
Proclaim God's salvation to every generation.  
Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.  
And may God, the vine grower, tend you and make you fruitful;  
May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life;  
And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.  
People: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE                           *The Rejoicing*                   George Frideric Handel

\*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Rowena Fink

The prelude this morning is based on the Pastorale from Six Organ Concerts by Charles Wesley (1757-1834). Wesley also composed the text to the hymn, Love Divine, All Love's Excelling (UMH #384), which is used in the arrangement.



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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**   
*Celebration of Faith*



June 11, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

11:00 A.M.

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Sermon Outline:

"Methodism: Who Are We"  
John 15:1-11; Ephesians 2:1-10  
Pastor Janet Sattel

The founders of Methodism: John Wesley and his brother Charles. John Wesley was born on June 28th 1703.

Oxford: John was a Fellow and ordained. Charles formed what they called a "Holy Club." Later called "Methodist" for the way that they lived this disciplined life.

1735 the brothers Wesley sailed to Georgia in the American colonies. Wesley wrote in his journal of his time there, "I have saved the Indians, but who shall save me?" Wesley had no assurance of his own salvation. The Wesley brothers returned to England believing their lives and ministry had failed.

John was almost in despair. He did not have the faith to continue to preach. Böhrer counseled otherwise. "Preach faith till you have it," he advised. "And then because you have it, you will preach faith."

On May 24, 1738 - Aldersgate "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me, that he had taken away my sins, even mine and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Wesley realized that God loved him unconditionally, he no longer tried to earn his salvation out of fear, instead he sought to live a holy life in response to God's great sacrificial love.

John Wesley believed in being connected and part of early Methodism was a requirement to be in a small group, or what they called bands. What grew the Methodists as individuals and as a society was the fact that they met regularly.

The Wesley brothers knew that the key to growing spiritual is remaining connected. We need to remain connected to Jesus first and foremost. Jesus told us to "Remain in me, and I will remain in you."

Jesus said, "I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete."

Calendar for Week of 6/11/2023

**SUNDAY** Milkshake Sunday!

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - Confirmation Info Meet [youth room]

2-5:00 - VBS Set up

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

**MONDAY** VBS Week

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - Private [Sanctuary]

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

**TUESDAY** VBS Week

**WEDNESDAY** VBS Week

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

**THURSDAY** VBS Week

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

**FRIDAY** VBS Week

**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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Youth Group - see Youth Page in the Announcements