

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Childcare is provided (6 weeks-K) in Room 206 and 204. Ask any greeter for help locating the room. First Kids Worship (K-3) takes place during the 11am services every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate communion. Please drop off/pick up your student in room 304.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Offertoire from Suite Liturgique by: Denis Bédard

The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

from Lamentations 3:22-2

YHWH's favor is not exhausted,
nor has God's compassion failed.

**They rise up anew each morning,
so great is God's faithfulness.**

"YHWH is all I have," I cry.

"So I will wait in hope."

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 110

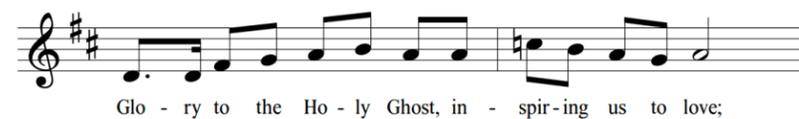
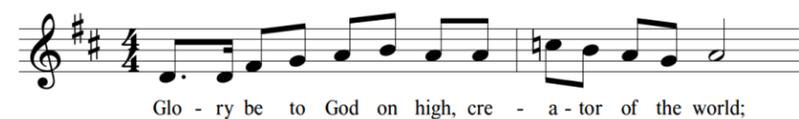
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

†GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

TULANE



CONFESSION OF SIN

Triune God,
you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives,
yet far too often, we do not.
In times of oppression and strife,
we lose hope in our future.
When we endure pain, suffer illness, or face death,
we often grow bitter and forget your love.
Absorbed by our wants and desires,
we are blind to those around us who need our care.
Forgive us, O God.
Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear.
Turn our hearts to you,
that we may taste fullness of life
and trust your promised salvation. **Amen.**

Silence for personal reflection

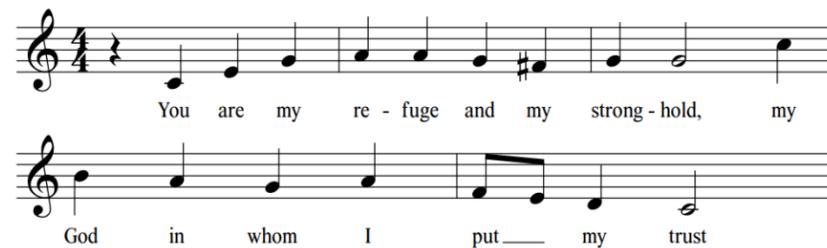
ASSURANCE AND PARDON

FIRST LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-6,14-16



You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
and pass the night in the shadow of Shaddai,
say: "YHWH, my refuge and my mountain fortress,
my God in whom I trust!"

For YHWH says: "I will rescue you from the snare,
and shield you from poisoned arrows. **R**

I will cover you with my pinions;
under my wings you will take refuge;
my faithfulness will shield you.

You have no need to fear the prowlers of the night
or the arrow that flies by day,
the plague that lurks in the shadows
or the scourge that stalks at noon. **R**

Because you love me, I will deliver you;
I will rescue you because you acknowledge my Name.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you;
I will be with you in trouble;
I will deliver you and honor you.

I will satisfy you with a long life
and show you my salvation." **R**

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 16:19-31

"Once there was a rich person who dressed in purple and linen and feasted splendidly every day. At the gate of this person's estate lay a beggar named Lazarus, who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich person's table, and even the dogs came and licked Lazarus' sores. One day poor Lazarus died and was carried by the angels to the arms of Sarah and Abraham. The rich person likewise died and was buried. In Hades, in torment, the rich person looked up and saw Sarah and Abraham in the distance, and Lazarus resting in their company. " 'Sarah and Abraham,' the rich person cried, 'have pity on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am tortured by these flames!' But they said, 'My child, remember that you were well off in your lifetime, while Lazarus was in misery. Now Lazarus has found consolation here, and you have found torment. But that's not all. Between you and us there is a fixed chasm, so that those who might wish to come to you from here can't do so, nor can anyone cross from your side to us.' "The rich person said, 'I beg you, then, to send Lazarus to my own house where I have five siblings. Let Lazarus be a warning to them, so that they may not end in this place of torment.' But Sarah and Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let your siblings hear them.' 'Please, I beg you,' the rich person said, 'if someone would only go to them from the dead, then they would repent.' 'If they don't listen to Moses and the prophets,' Sarah and Abraham replied, 'they won't be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead!'"

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Eternal Life by: Olive Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

THIRD LESSON

JEREMIAH 32:1-3A, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH in the tenth year of Zedekiah ruler of Judah, which was also the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar: At that time the army of the ruler of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was imprisoned in the court of the guardhouse attached to the

residence of the ruler of Jerusalem. Zedekiah the ruler imprisoned him after demanding, “How dare you prophesy the way you do?”

The word of YHWH came to me and said, “Hanamel, the son of your uncle Shallum, will come to you and say, ‘Buy my field in Anathoth. As next of kin you have the right of redemption to purchase it.’ ” And just as YHWH foretold, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guardhouse and said, “Buy my field at Anathoth in Benjamin. You have the right of redemption to purchase it as next of kin. So why not purchase it?”

I knew that that this was the word of YHWH. So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money—seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed and sealed it, had it witnessed and then weighed out the money on a scale. I took the copies of the deed of purchase—both the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions and the unsealed copy—and gave them to Baruch ben-Neriah ben-Mahseiah in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and all the people of Judah who happened to be in the court of the guardhouse.

I gave Baruch these instructions in their presence: “Thus says YHWH Omnipotent, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and the unsealed deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so that they may be preserved for a very long time. For this is what YHWH Omnipotent, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will once again be purchased in this land.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

†**HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 528** *vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5*
Nearer, My God, to Thee *BETHANY*

SERMON Finding Courage In The Face Of Despair

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *From Romans 8*
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?
No!
**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,**

**nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo

by: Denis Bédard

†DOXOLOGY, NO. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, NO. 2216

When We Are Called To Sing Your Praise

*found in The Faith We Sing
KINGSFOLD*

†BENEDICTION

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Allegro Giocoso

by: Denis Bédard

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Mark Flynn
Liturgists: Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*
Rev. Denna Hornby, *Associate Pastor*
Music: Josh Sumter, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Wesley Singers (8:45)
Parrish Adult Choir (11:00)

*Floral arrangements are given to the glory of God
by Jim & Melissa Charles
in honor the community meal volunteers.*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 25th, 2022