**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

18th Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2022. 7:30am & 9:00am.

Liturgist: Jim Hornby

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\***CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

**P: Where we need healing, make us whole!**

L: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

**P: Where we are isolated and excluded, bring us near!**

L: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

**P: Where we are chained, break our bonds!**

L: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

**P: Where we are dying, bring us back to life!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Come let us kneel down, let us ask Christ our God. Come let us kneel down, let us beseech Christ our King. Come let us kneel down, let us entreat Christ our Savior.**

**O Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, our God, through the intercession of Saint Mary and all Your saints, preserve us, and bring us to a good start. Have mercy on us according to Your will forever.**

**The night has passed; we thank You, O Lord, and we ask You to keep us this day away from sin and deliver us. Amen.** - Coptic Church

**\***OPENING HYMN***Great is Thy Faithfulness***#140

CHILDREN’S TIME Roxie Hostrawser

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God and have been given many blessings. Rejoice in God’s love for you. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

When the leper ran back to thank Jesus for healing, new life, and fresh possibilities, Jesus was amazed and moved that a Samaritan would come to a Jew and give heartfelt thanks. Jesus sent this man on his way with blessings, for he saw that healing had permeated this man. He was whole through and through. We too have known the healing and saving God in our lives, and we will know this God yet again. So let our offering today be our thanksgiving for the mercy and goodness and ever-faithfulness of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC ***It is Well with My Soul*** by Martha L. Thompson Bell Choir

**\***DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100:1-5

HYMN OF PRAISE ***If It Had Not Been for the Lord***#2053

MESSAGE **“God is always Good”** Rev. Shon

CLOSING HYMN ***How Great is Our God*** #3003

**\***BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE ***Ride the Chariot*** *by Anna L. Page*  Bell Choir

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 100:1-5**

1Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRAYER FAMILIES:** Pray for all those who need healing, or have health issues. Specifically, pray for Ellen Hieb, Sally Burgau, Marlene Taylor, Karen Dolsey, Madyson Schultz, Nancy Iuliano, and Edward & Vione Brauner. Also continue to pray for those in Ukraine and other areas of the world where people are suffering.

**FRESH EXPRESSIONS**: Today at 10:30am, at the Church. All are welcome.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS 201:** Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 10 & 17. 5:00pm–6:30pm. Dinner will be served.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS: S**PRC will sponsor meal.

**YOUTH BREAKFAST:** The Youth will serve breakfast next Sunday October 16. Come and enjoy food, fellowship and support of our youth. There will be a free-will offering.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Monday October 31, 5-7pm. Reserve your vehicle spot by Monday October 24th by contacting the church office. Donations of candy or monetary donations towards candy purchases should be brought to the office. If interested contact the office or Suzanne at 715-896-0224 or email suziegoldsmith@hotmail.com.

**SCRIP CARDS:** When you are thinking of ideas for gift giving or personal use, consider Scrip

cards**.** Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Pat & Diane Moe

**THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH:**

Today: Fresh Expressions 10:30am

Youth Hidden Trails Corn Maze, Sparta 10:30am-4:00pm

Tuesday: Board of Trustees 5:00pm Finance Committee 5:30pm

Administrative Council 6:30pm

Wednesday: Children Class 4:30pm Wednesday Connections 4:45pm Pre-Confirmation 5:00pm Youth-Cain’s Apple Orchard

Choir 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:15pm

Confirmation Class 7:00pm

Thursday: Worship Committee 5:30pm

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