

October 25, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Leader: The Lord listens to us.*

**People: We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.**

*Leader: God will not turn away from us.*

**People: God will heal and restore us.**

*Leader: Let the Lord of Life enter into your spirits.*

**People: Lord, come to us and heal our fears and brokenness.**

\*Song of Praise      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*      Celebration Hymnal No. 151

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***Gracious and loving God, come to us in our fears and frustrations. We feel unable to serve and often beaten down by life. Give us courage and strength and help us joyfully serve you by serving others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

First Lesson

Psalm 11:1-7

Second Lesson

John 14:1-21

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Sermon

*Are You Contagious?*

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

*Because He Lives*

Celebration Hymnal No. 358

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.*

\*Hymn of Going Forth

*Until Then*

Celebration Hymnal No. 780

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Make Us One"

Make us one Lord, make us one  
Holy Spirit, make us one  
Let our love flow, so the world will know  
We are one in you; we are one in you.

\*Postlude

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.

## First Lesson

### ***Psalm 11:1-7***

<sup>1</sup>In the Lord I take refuge; how can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountains;

<sup>2</sup>for look, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.

<sup>3</sup>If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

<sup>4</sup>The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven. His eyes behold, his gaze examines humankind.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked, and his soul hates the lover of violence.

<sup>6</sup>On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and sulfur; a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

<sup>7</sup>For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

## Second Lesson

### ***John 14:1-21***

**14**"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

<sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

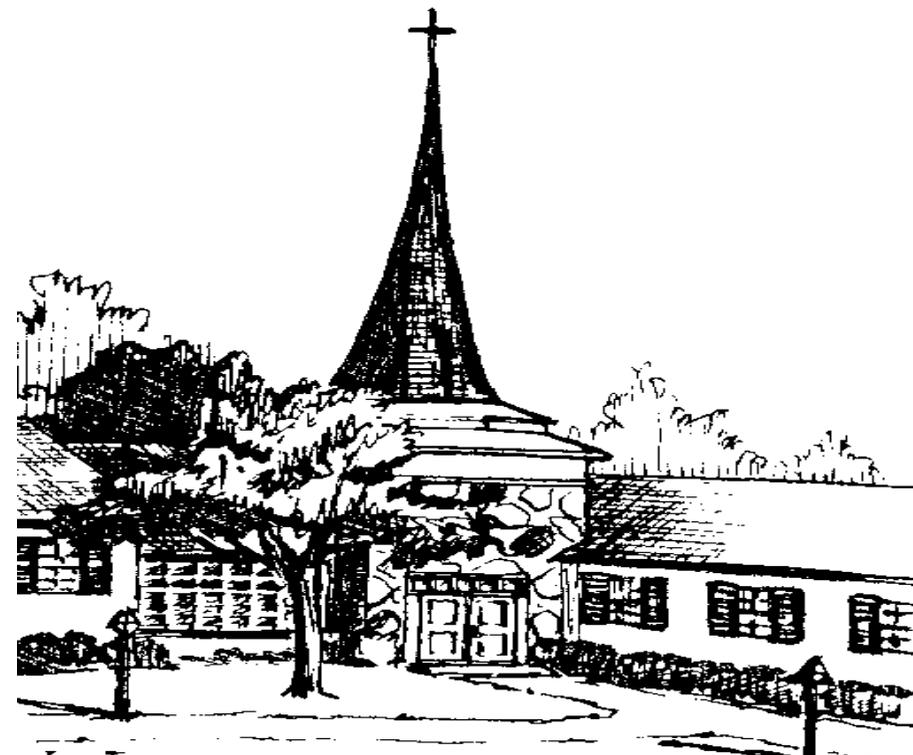
<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Word of God for the people of God.  
All: Thanks be to God.

### Church Covenant

**We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.**

# ***WELCOME!***



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