

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

THE GATHERING

(11 a.m.) **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Read responsively)*

from Psalm 91

The Lord is our dwelling place,
A home of peace and plenty.
The Lord is our dwelling place,
A refuge when trouble is near.
The Lord is our dwelling place,
A temple that will stand forever.

PRELUDE

Cantilene
Marsha Roberts, organ

Malcolm Archer

(9 a.m.) **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP** *(See above)*

from Psalm 91

(11 a.m.) **PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE**

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

***HYMN 619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

LAUDA ANIMA

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Read in unison)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin.
We want you to do whatever we ask of you,
but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us.
We want to sit beside you in your glory,
but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering.
We want to be first in your great kingdom,
but we are among the last to serve the least.
Too often, we fall prey to the world's priorities,
which whisper that we must come in first
and have the most
and that we are always in jeopardy of not being enough.
Forgive us and help us, O God, to lean into the example of our servant savior,
who models power in vulnerability and invites us to serve one another.

(Time for silent prayer)

(11 a.m.) *KYRIE

Lamb of God
Congregation sings on cue

Matt Maher

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant to us your mercy.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE**

Jesus Shall Reign
Stanza 5

DUKE STREET

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

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward to
be dismissed through the side door for activities.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(11 a.m.) **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalms 91:9-16

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45

SERMON

"Something Great for God"

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. You are invited to pass the Friendship pad found at the end of the pen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All that Hath Life and Breath
Christina Recktenwald, soloist

René Clausen

***DOXOLOGY 607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

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

SHARING GRACE

Moment for Stewardship

Kent Oyler

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THE SENDING

***HYMN**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTLETON

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons
With a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the One true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.

*BLESSING

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

You are welcome to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly.

POSTLUDE

And Again I Say Rejoice

Brenda Portman

**Please stand if you are able*

Our congregation should be very proud of the financial commitment made to our church in 2021. To date, there are 271 pledges for a total of \$1,341,829 which is the most ever pledged to Second. Non-pledge giving has reached \$72,738 with more typically given in the latter months of the year. These numbers show the strength of our congregation and the vitality of our church. Stewardship letters have gone out for 2022 and we ask for your generosity to continue. With the increased income, more mission partners are being added and the mission budget was increased to \$250,000. In these very stressful times aid has been given to so many in need.

The Stewardship Committee

IN WORSHIP TODAY

For our worshipers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS for today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ainsley Wagenseller by her family: Linda, Jud, Jordan, Aubrey, and Shelby.

USHERS

9 a.m. - Diana Jester, Mary Miller

11 a.m. - Barker Price, Joan Price, Elaine Duncan, Tony Duncan, Sandy Bailey

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preaching; Pastoral Associate, Elizabeth Clay, liturgist; Jean Herp, lay reader

The Octet (9 a.m.); Sanctuary Choir (11 a.m.); Jim Rittenhouse, Director;

Marsha Roberts, guest organist

Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Jonathan Mueller, Camera; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor

A Note About the Anthem: Composer René Clausen, recently retired Professor of Music at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and director of The Concordia Choir, has become one of the foremost composers of choral music in late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. “All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord!” (1981) sets an adaptation of Psalms 96 and 22. The exuberant recurring refrain alternates among a slower section sung by a soloist, a quotation of the hymn tune LOBE DEN HERREN, and fragments of the refrain sung randomly.

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Betsy Baker and her family on the death of her father, Walt Baker, 10/14/2021.

Ruth Fitzwater and her family on the death of her mother, Georgia Fitzwater, 9/21/2021.

The family of the Rev. Alan Sorem on his death, 9/7/2021.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Current Protocol: The church's Re-opening Task Group, consistent with CDC and Presbytery advice, emphasizes that regardless of vaccination status, wearing masks while gathering inside the building is strongly encouraged. All individuals are strongly encouraged to mask for their own protection and as an additional layer of protection for those around them. Masks are required in the Weekday School spaces. The Task Group, composed of active elders, at-large members, and members of the church staff, will continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly to recommend any necessary changes.

CHILDCARE: Children ages 3 by 8/1 through 3rd grade are welcomed to begin the morning in 11:00 Worship where they will be dismissed to activities after the Children's Sermon. 4th and 5th grades report directly to the Youth Suite for class on all Sundays except Communion Sunday (1st Sunday of the month). Parents may pick up their children from the lower-level educational space after 11:00 Worship has ended. Educational space is best accessed through the double doors near the Narthex marked 2PK. PreK – 3rd grades rooms 150-154. 4th & 5th grades – room 180.

KidCheck is a secure children's check-in system that enhances your provider's security system and simplifies the check-in process. KidCheck helps ensure no one can pick up your child without your consent. Signing up for KidCheck is easy and free for parents, guardians, and workers! Visit <https://go.kidcheck.com> or **download the KidCheck app** on an iOS or Android device.

NAMETAGS: We encourage all who come to worship each week to make a nametag so we can continue to welcome guests, and encourage our fellowship together. Look for the tags and markers at the entrances.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of October 17, 2021

Mission of the Month: Join us in supporting the West End School by donating the following items: Face Masks (preferably kid's size), gift cards (\$200 - weekday dinner for 60 people: e.g. Chick-fil-A, McAllisters, Famous Recipe, Pizza, etc.), GameStop gift cards (\$10), Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels, headphones, liquid soap, Lysol spray, cases of small water bottles, rolls of white butcher paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, graph paper, staplers and staples.

Parent's Night Out - Children birth through 5th grade are invited to pack a dinner and join us on **October 23, 5 - 8:30 p.m.** for Parent's Night Out. Please contact Amy Heckmann, Childcare coordinator at aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org to reserve your spot by Monday, October 18th.

Wednesdays Together: September 15–November 17, 5–7 p.m. Remember to RSVP by emailing Virginia at vfortner@2ndpreslou.org. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 family cap for the meal. Menu for 10/20: Pasta from Gracious Plenty!

Did you know? Over 40 doses of the **COVID vaccine** were administered during our **free clinics** at South Louisville Community Ministries. The next clinic will be held **October 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Volunteers welcome.

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Celebrating Reformation - Our worship services on Sunday, October 31 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. will both be in the Sanctuary. Pastor Steve Jester preaches from Deuteronomy and Mark about the greatest commandment - to love the Lord our God solely with all our heart, mind, strength, souls. Our Sanctuary Choir, Austin Memorial Handbell Choir, Symphonic Arts Brass Ensemble, and Samuel Libra, organ, will lead us in the great hymns celebrating Reformation. Our 11 a.m. service will be live-streamed.

Session has approved the Preparedness Task Force's recommendation to lock all doors but Door 3 (portico) and the west sanctuary door during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. With the exception of those two doors, all other entrances to the building will be locked at 11:15. All doors will allow for exit.

High School Girls Bible Study: Bring a friend and join us at Becky Lyle's home, Thursday, November 4 at 8 p.m. All are welcome!

West End School Volunteer Opportunity: Community Clean-Up day on Saturday, **November 6th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** This opportunity includes cleaning up around the exterior of the West End School and the surrounding neighborhood. Sign up in Seconds To Go!

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and
Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant
Virginia Fortner, Formation and Worship Assistant
Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Samuel Libra, DMA, Communications Assistant
and Organist
Tanner Williams, Receptionist/Admin. Assistant
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
Co-Coordinator
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator
Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita



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