

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
August 5, 2018  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE TO THOSE AROUND US

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Worriers of the world unite! Bring your cares and concerns,  
your anxieties and greatest fears! Bring those things that make  
you toss in your beds, or that ties your stomach into knots.  
Heap them in huge mountains of distress, at the feet of the living  
God. Watch and see if God is faithful in all things.

**All: With those before us we lean on the promise: "The Lord's  
loving-kindnesses never cease; God's compassions never fail.  
They are fresh every morning; Great is God's faithfulness."**

One: Let us sing praise to the Father and Mother of us all!

\*HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 140

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.***

***Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

PRAYER HYMN

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

No. 500 (vs. 1&3)

UNISON PRAYER

**Lord, in these skittish times, when we fear we are losing hope or  
feel cynicism settling in, let us see in our hearts and minds the image  
of your resurrection, and let that be the source of our courage and  
strength. Forgive our anxious striving after all that is not life giving.  
Help us reclaim the life you gave us; a simple life of work and rest, action  
and prayer. With your company, help us face the struggles against  
all that is born of evil and injustice, and to stand with you for love**

**and life for all your children. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

In the resurrection of Jesus, God declares that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God.

You are forgiven and freed for joyful obedience. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Claire Olinik

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 4: 1-16

(OT p. 3)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Unafraid: Living with Courage, Love and Hope:*  
Part 2—"Courage in Skittish Times"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Celebrating Holy Communion

Hymnal No. 12

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you need the elements brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel.** Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.*

\*Doxology

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. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

\*BENEDICTION

One: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified for the Lord your God goes with you; God will never leave you nor forsake you."

**All: With God's help we will live this week with courage, hope and love.**

\*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience. (If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.