

Sunday September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

VISITATION TEAM MEETING Tuesday, September 5th at 4:45pm. If you are interested in joining our team to assist with phone calls or monthly visits to shut-ins, come to the meeting or ask Pastor or Darlene how to become a part of this important ministry at Bethesda.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Grief Support meetings have been postponed until later this fall. Only one person showed up for the meeting. If interested, please let Dennis Hennessy or the office know.

MILLE LACS INDIAN MUSEUM & TRADING POST Sunday, September 3rd from 10am-5pm Native Music and Art Festival. See poster on bulletin board in Narthex for more information.

CAMP ONOMIA QUILT AUCTION RAFFLE TICKETS are available in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday and next Sunday. Buy a ticket to win a lovely quilt and support Camp Onomia.

HYMNS ON SCREEN are also in either the Red “ELW” hymnal or the Blue “With One Voice” hymnal as noted.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda Sept. 4, 2023 – Sept. 10, 2023

Monday	9/4	LABOR DAY	
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/5	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		4:45 pm	Visitation Team Meeting
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	9/6	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	9/7	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga - <i>Note Time Change</i>
Sunday	9/10	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

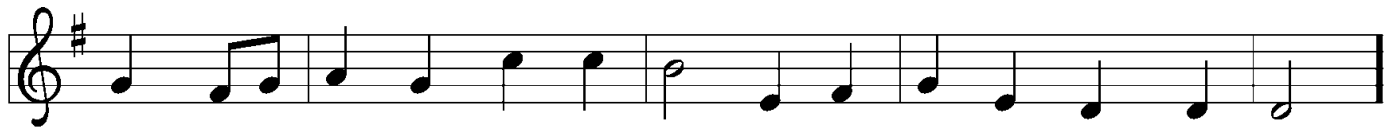
YEAR OF SERVICE - PRESENTATION OF BAND INSTRUMENTS

BLESSING BOX – Camp Onomia

OPENING HYMN **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** **#879 ELW**
(Please Stand on the last Verse)



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend

hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

Glory to you, O Lord

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “**Bind Us Together**”

#748 WOV

Refrain:

Bind us together Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together
Bind us together with love.

1. There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one body, That is why I sing, *Refrain*
2. You are the family of God. You are the promise divine
You are God’s chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*
3. We are the family of God, Joined by the Spirit above,
Working together with Christ Growing and building in love: *Refrain*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict (especially). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor (especially). Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God,

for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Asked One Day"

(Sung to the tune of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms")

words by: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Jesus asked one day, "What do others say?

Who do people tell you that I am?"

His disciples said, "John — back from the dead,

Or a prophet sent by God's own hand."

Refrain: Lord and Savior, you are the One who bore the cross;
May we follow, serving you no matter what the cost.

He said, "Tell me, then, who you say I am.
Peter answered, "You are God's own Son."
Jesus said, "You Rock! You're the building block
That my church will be established on." *Refrain*

Jesus told his friends, "See how love extends:
I must suffer, die and then be raised."
Peter disagreed: "That can never be.
God's Messiah will know glorious days!" *Refrain*

Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, then.
Those who cling to life will surely die.
Come and follow me! I will make you free.
Seek God's kingdom and you'll find new life." *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Gary & Brenda Sjerven
Ushers: Carolyn Morris & Winnie Zahradka
Lector: Jeannine Bruesewitz
Hospitality: ***NEED VOLUNTEERS!***

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, August 27, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 69 Online: 5