

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As the people of God, we are called to be justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, freedom for the imprisoned, and sight for the blind. Let us lift up those in need, as we share gifts for the church's mission.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of justice and love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these offerings that they may become gifts of love for the world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go to love God and neighbor.

People: We go forth in the love of God.

Pastor: Go to welcome the stranger.

People: We go forth with love for the world.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

TFWS No. 2171

*POSTLUDE

"We All Believe In One God"

M. Dupre

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

OCTOBER 31, 2021

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

"Aria"

Spohr

(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: Come into the land of God.

People: We come seeking the land of love.

Pastor: Live as the people of Christ.

People: We gather to grow as a community of love.

HYMN "Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here" No. 647, v. 1
(Sung to the tune No. 357 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea")
**Your love, o God, has called us here, for all love finds its source in you,
the perfect love that casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ever new.**

Pastor: Follow in the ways of the Lord.
People: We move forward on the path of love.
Pastor: Come, young and old, friend and foreigner, for all are welcome here.
People: We come to live and grow in the love of Christ. Praise God for this wonderful gift!

HYMN "Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here" No. 647, v. 3
(Sung to the tune No. 357 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea")
**O God of love, inspire our life, reveal your will in all we do;
join every husband, every wife in mutual love and love for you.**

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57, vs. 1, 2 & 7

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.
People: Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.
Pastor: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.
People: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.
Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One? And who shall stand in this holy place?
People: We come, seeking the face of God.

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us.
Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and
offer healing to all people. AMEN.**

INTROIT "Holy Ground" TFWS 2272

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS #2158, vs. 1 & 2

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS #2158, v. 3

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Ruth 1:1-18

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" No. 186
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: And also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Mark 12:28-34

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON "Spiritual Security" Pastor Russel Shuluga