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18th Sunday after Pentecost, September 22nd 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* arr. John Innes

 Kathy Ferguson, piano;

 Janet Tolman, organ

\*Call to Worship

One: Come, let us follow Jesus, who teaches us that the path to greatness lies in humility.

All: We come, ready to serve, ready to welcome, ready to love.

One: Whoever welcomes a child in Jesus' name welcomes the One who created all.

All: Open our hearts, O God, that we may welcome all, and in welcoming each, welcome you.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 181 *Ye Servants of God*

 HANOVER

1. Ye servants of God,

your Master proclaim,

and publish abroad

his wonderful name;

the name all victorious

of Jesus extol,

his kingdom is glorious

and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,

and still he is nigh,

his presence we have;

the great congregation

his triumph shall sing,

ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3. "Salvation to God,

who sits on the throne!"

Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;

the praises of Jesus

the angels proclaim,

fall down on their faces

and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore

and give him his right,

all glory and power,

all wisdom and might;

all honor and blessing

with angels above,

and thanks never ceasing

and infinite love.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, We gather before You, reminded of the teachings of Jesus, who showed us that greatness is found in serving others. Open our hearts to embrace Your call to humility and compassion. Help us see Your image in those around us—especially in the least, the vulnerable, and the overlooked. May our worship be a reflection of Your love. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 1 UMH 738

Blessed are those

Who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

or stand in the way of sinners,

 or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on God’s law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees

 planted by streams of water

 that yield their fruit in season,

 and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,

 But are like chaff which the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;

 Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Music of Preparation** *Yes Jesus Loves Me*

 Tim Osiek

 The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:30-37

Sermon Welcoming all

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Embracing God, no one is beyond the reach of Your love. Your grace pulls us toward Your mercy, like the tide, holding us throughout our lives. Yet we quarrel about our status, seeking merit in what we do, and ignoring those who are the least among us. We fail to see Your children in the world around us.

Remind us once more that to be great is to be the servant of all. Call us back to the work of seeking the welfare of others. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, so that by welcoming others, we may welcome Christ, and by welcoming Christ, we welcome You. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen

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 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.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Going Home Medley (New World Symphony, Softly and Tenderly, I Am Coming, Lord)*

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 Kathy Ferguson, piano

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory prayer

Reception of New Members:

Pastor: The church is the Body of Christ, people called by God, powered by the Holy Spirit to give witness to good news, encouragement, hope, forgiveness, compassion and love in action at all times and in all places. Christ Church United Methodist is one part of this global body:

All: Together we engage in fellowship, discipleship, worship, partnership, and stewardship proclaiming with our lives that Christ is alive and at work in this world with and through us.

Pastor: membership in the Body of Christ begins with baptism, God’s promise to us that we are saved by grace and will never be separated from God’s love.

Choosing to become a member of a church is one response to this act of grace. Membership in Christ Church United Methodist is open to anyone seeking to participate in God’s work through Christ in the ministries and the community of this church.

Today we welcome into membership...

Pastor to new members: God is at work in each of us, so I ask you, will you participate in God’s ongoing work through Christ Church United Methodist by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness? If so your answer is, I will:

New Members: I will

Pastor: Church, these new members need each of you, will you do all in your power to strengthen their faith, confirm their hope, and walk with them in love?

All: Yes! We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy Church and welcome you to this congregation. We renew with you our own vows to participate together by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Let your faith be confirmed and strengthened in our ministry together. AMEN!

**\*Closing Hymn** 581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

 BEACH SPRING

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,

who upon the cross, forsaken,

offered mercy's perfect deed:

we, your servants, bring the worship

not of voice alone, but heart,

consecrating to your purpose

every gift that you impart.

2.Still your children wander homeless;

still the hungry cry for bread;

still the captives long for freedom;

still in grief we mourn our dead.

As, O Lord, your deep compassion

healed the sick and freed the soul,

use the love your Spirit kindles

still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,

till your love's revealing light

in its height and depth and greatness

dawns upon our quickened sight,

making known the needs and burdens

your compassion bids us bear,

stirring us to tireless striving

your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service,

forth in your dear name we go

to the child, the youth, the aged,

love in living deeds to show;

hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

**\*Benediction** 2186 *Song of Hope*

 ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;

singing, share our joy with all;

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore*

 *Thee* arr. John Innes

 Kathy Ferguson, piano;

 Janet Tolman, organ

Liturgist: Susan Schreiner

Stephen Minister: Shawne Sidles

Golf Cart Driver: Rick Aaberg

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“Song of Hope”

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