

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus' Prioritizes People Over Polity

Welcome

Preparatory Interlude

"Revelation Song"

Call to Worship

Heavenly Father, bind Your Church together in unity so that we love each other as You love us. Give us eyes to see beyond our outward differences. Give us ears to hear beyond our diverse tongues. Give us hearts to understand that our shared faith in Jesus means far more than any differences between us. Work these changes in us by the power of Your Holy Spirit; and make us one in Jesus' holy name. AMEN.

Invocation

*Traditional Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

***Confession** – Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1John 1:9)

***Psalter**

(from Psalm 71)

In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge,

Let me never be put to shame.

In Your righteousness deliver me and set me free.

Incline Your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;

You are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, O God, from the hand of the wicked,

From the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For You are my hope, O Lord God,

My confidence since I was young.

You have sustained me since I was born.

My praise will always be of You.

*Gloria Patri

***Affirmation of Faith** - I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Offertory Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Doxology

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

"A Matter of Priority"

*Modern Worship Song

"First"

Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as able

Notes:

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Calendar and Opportunities

Please tell MAH that you saw this announcement, just for the ladies, here - "Friends in Faith" get-together at Marion's house on the 28th of this month. (In four days!)

Also, Marion is hosting the men's group each Wednesday evening (6:30) for their viewing and discussion of "The Chosen".

Rev. Robert A. Pollauf of Detroit passed on this account of how Daniel saved his life in the lion's den: King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished that the hungry lions had not eaten Daniel. He summoned Daniel and promised if he would reveal his secret, the king would give him his freedom. It was easy, your excellency," Daniel said. "I went around and whispered in each lion's ear — 'After dinner, there will be speeches.'"

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