

Sunday, September 15, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS: Since we don't have a 5-second delay, we need to guard our tongues!

PRELUDE — Anneke Toomey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

1. I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Bonnie Clark

One: Can you hear it?

Many: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

One: Can you feel it?

Many: The law of God revives the soul!

One: Can you live it?

Many: The way of God rejoices the heart!

One: Do you believe it?

Many: We believe the word of God endures forever!

All: Let all who believe praise the Lord!!

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4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

OFFERTORY — Anneke

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Bonnie Clark

All: All-knowing God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only our money, but of our very selves— our words, our thoughts, our actions —be acceptable to you and help spread your words of life and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (vs. 1-5)

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Anneke

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke
Song Leader— Wayne
Liturgist — Bonnie

Accomp.—Anneke
Special Music — Choir
Children’s Message— Lin

Offertory—Anneke
Organ — Betsy
Violin — Rae Ann