

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

10:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

THE REV. JOHN DAVID HEECKT

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

Relying on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us, we worship God, and witness to Jesus Christ with loving service and commitment to justice and peace.

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The Church Bell Calls Us To Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude & Introit: *This is the Day that the Lord Hath Made* J. Cruger/I. Watts

Call to Worship (*Isaiah 11:1-2,5-9*)

One: A shoot shall come from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

All: The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

One: Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

All: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

One: The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

All: The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand in the adder's den.

One: They will not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

*Hymn: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* PH 30

*Unison Prayer:

Almighty God; to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the

inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer (*using "sins"*)

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Responsive Psalm Psalm 124

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

Anthem: *Rejoice, O Christian* M. McCabe

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn: *Standing in the Need of Prayer* NCH 519

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory: *All Things are Thine* "Pensum Sacrum"/J.G. Whittier
Donna Barber, Soprano

Doxology: PH 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below! Praise him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God: Through the gift of your Son you have given us freedom from sin and the opportunity for a more abundant life in Him. Receive now our gifts, we pray, and put them to your use, both in this congregation and beyond, for the support of your church, and to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

(*Those who are able, please stand.)

Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* PH 61
Benediction
Extroit: *Love and Peace* D. Paxton
Postlude

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