Twelfth Sunday after PentecostSunday, August 28, 2022Theme: Acting as the Church – "Working at Everything"

Most of all let love quide your life. - col. 3:14

arr. Don Hustad

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prelude:	"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Call to Worship:

- Leader: In this place, we proclaim that God is a God of power and justice, mercy and love.
- People: As in the times of prophets of old, God weeps over those who wander from what God offers.

Leader : Surely God grieves over those who enter into chaos and destruction.

- People: In times past and present, God seeks those who've turned aside from life to the ways of death.
- Leader: Caring God, by your tears and through your mercy, draw us continually to You.
- People: Teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show.

*Hymn: #619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

As another week comes around, we gather again, O God, in this place. So quickly has time passed that we would urge ourselves toward gratitude for every moment of each day. As the sun rises and sets following its course, so steady our minds and hearts on the ever confident path of trust in You. How faithful is your love toward us and the world. We grieve recent loss of life in public places—senseless, reckless, and cruel in its scope. We would be quick to pray and work toward the end of all violence and hate, marginalizing and distrust, judgment and fear. Today we pause in prayer and worship to do so. Accept our humble pledge to stand up for change while forgiving us the ways we resist. Challenge us to be a place of welcome and inclusion, an oasis from the discontent and distrust in our world. Move us to praise your gracious will, for in Christ Jesus you have saved us and this world from all deeds of death. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Living Lord. AMEN

***Response:** The Doxology #606

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

The Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon: "Working at Everything"

*Hymn: #725 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy One, make us faithful stewards of the resources we call our own—our income, savings, and investments—and the resources of the church so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have" (see insert) (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

"Be Thou My Vision"

Vision" Robert Thygerson

The End of Worship The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

<u>Prayers of the Congregation</u> Prayer Person this week: Robert Mowrer III

> The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Eugene Sowers who would have celebrated his 99th birthday this month. Given by his family

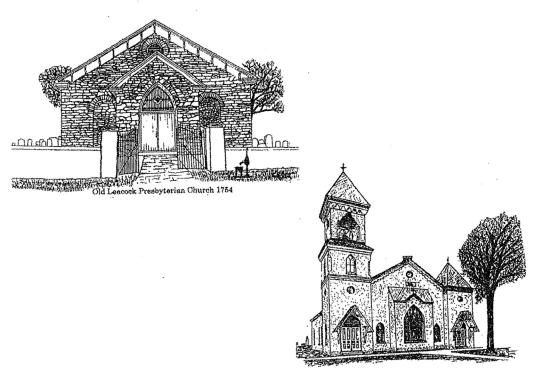
Remember:

To clean out those closets for clothing donations to the September Clothing Drive.

September is Special Offering month for the Trustees. We are going to need some extra items for the Manse. The painting is being done, and afterwards we need to thoroughly clean it which includes windows, floors, and then window coverings. We also need to purchase a kitchen range. Your support is always a big help to keeping the church properties in good shape. The Trustees thank you!



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