

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Theme: Living as the Church - "Using our Hearts, Hands, and Minds"

OLD LEACOCK DAY



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Colossians 3:23

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship in This Historic Place Skip Brackbill

Prelude: "Prelude" James Hook (1746-1837)

Greeting

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.

Our Praise in Song: #627 "I Love You Lord" (*listen once, sing twice*)

Call to Worship 1 John 4:7-15

Leader: Dear friends,

People: Let us love one another, for love comes from God,

Leader: Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. This is love:

People: Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Leader: God, help us to experience your love today as we worship,

People: and as we embrace one another and reach out to others with our hearts, hands, and minds.

*Hymn: #31 "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest Mountains, your justice like the great deep.

Therefore, we pray that You will preserve both people and creatures alike.

Bless, we pray, all living things. We confess that as a human family we squander the gifts of this earth and abuse its resources. We spend wantonly on those

things which take away life—weapons of war, excesses of pleasure, indulgences that harm our health. Convict us as people and as nations to honor all humanity, its needs and our own. Lead us to be better stewards of what You have given. Enrich us with your priceless, unfailing love. Lead all hurting souls, even ourselves, to take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. We celebrate your incredible love, asking that You keep us rooted and established in it, through Christ we pray, 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 Readings: **Colossians Ch. 1-4** (*selections*)

Children's Moment and Sermon: **"Tying It All Together"**

Litany of Affirmation and Prayers of the People

Lord, bless the work of our hands. For all those who toil and labor:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

For those who have lost their jobs, who are unemployed or underemployed, let us pray:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection, let us pray:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place, let us pray:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

For those who are not paid fair wages or who are denied legally due overtime pay, let us pray:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

For migrant agricultural workers and for all who work the land, let us pray:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

For all employers that they may seek to provide a just work environment, let us pray:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

For those who struggle to balance job commitments with the needs of their family,
let us pray:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

For all humans who seek to become the co-creators of the promised Kingdom, let us
pray:

Lord, bless the work of their hands.

Prayer of Commitment (*in unison*)

Loving God, through your Son you gave us an example of how to love one another and how to embody this love in labor to serve the poor and the oppressed. Give us the strength to continue working to bring forth your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom of justice and peace, where all know compassion, grace and mercy. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. AMEN

(Adapted from an Interfaith Worker Justice resource, and posted on the University of Arizona website.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation:#517 “Here, O Our Lord,” vs.1,2,3 (see download)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offering of Tithes and Gifts - Litany of Giving Thanks

For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

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