

Closing and Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "Great Is Your Faithfulness" (New Century Hymnal #423)

*Benediction and Blessing¹

*Ringling of the Church Bell

*Please to stand if able

*At the end of the service, please self-usher yourself out of the sanctuary,
with those in the back exiting first.*



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Save the Date – Upcoming Events

Thursdays - Bible Fellowship - 6pm in Fellowship Hall and ZOOM

Oct. 26 - Cologne Academy's Truck or Treat - 6pm to 830pm

Nov. 1 - Consistory Team Meeting - 6pm via ZOOM

Nov. 4 - Find Food Carver County Volunteering - 12pm to 4pm at
NYA City Hall parking lot

Nov. 6 - All Saints Day with Holy Communion - 915am

Nov. 12th - "Footloose" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater, hosted by
Women's Guild - 1030am

Nov. 18th - Faith & Service Review Meeting - 6pm via ZOOM

Nov. 20 - His By Grace concert and Pie Social - 915am (Free will offering to
benefit the Southwest Carver County food shelf)

**Scan the QR code to head over to our website for a full calendar of
services, events, announcements and more!**

All Saints Day Service. This will be a Sunday to remember those who have
come and gone before us. Please invite your friends and family to join us.
Bring a small memento in honor of a loved one, to be placed on the altar for
the service. If you have a special poem, reading, or musical suggestion you'd
like considered for the service or want to participate, contact Pastor Scott.

Fruit of the Spirit. This month's ministry is Hurricane Ian Relief. Look for the
special collection basket at the rear of the sanctuary.

Many hands make light work! Please consider serving as a Consistory Team
Member. We are in need of 3 members in 2023. Contact Michelle
Bachmann at 952-361-3033 or Pastor Scott for more details.

Steeple maintenance and sanctuary painting. Please consider a prayerful
donation. Our goal is \$20,150. The work has been completed! Thank you to
those that have already donated.

For Pastoral Care. Please contact Pastor Scott at 804-350-0826 or email
pastorsjucbongards@gmail.com.

¹ Liturgy adapted from
<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-24c-october-16/>



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Thank you for worshipping with us. We are so glad that you are here!



"Jacob and the Angel" by Annette Gandy Fortt

Rev. Scott Siefert | Organist: Penny Rolf

Liturgist: Sarah Schneewind

October 16, 2022 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ringling of the Church Bell

Announcements

Children's Message

"I Am" - Christine Wing

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Sarah Schneewind

One: Holy God, You are always listening.

All: We come boldly, lifting our praise to you, because we know you hear us.

One: You reveal your truth to us.

All: You help us to see how things are and how things can be.

One: Eternal God, you persist in steadfast love and your righteousness.

All: The Lord will keep us in our going out and our coming in.

***Opening Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”** (New Century Hymnal #1)

Prayer of Invocation - Sarah Schneewind

One: O God, we are thankful that justice flows from you like a stream. Spirit of righteousness,

you temper judgment with mercy. Help us to live the covenant written upon our hearts. Open our ears to hear your Word and draw us closer to you.

All: So that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession - Rev Siefert

One: Source of all wisdom, we confess that at times we can be self-serving, and we lose sight of community. Sometimes, we don't respect you, ourselves, or each other. Yet You are just toward us even when we are not. We know that we can trust You., so we yield our hearts and minds to you. You are persistent in your desire to keep us and restore us.

All: We thank you for this moment of transformation. We pray for forgiveness and give you thanks.

—Time of Silent Confession—

Assurance of Grace

One: God is our source and provider of grace, love, and justice, and because we are Imago Dei, born in His image, we have the assurance that those gifts flow to us and through us. God makes the difference and compels us to show up in the fullness of who we are.

First Scripture Reading: Liturgist: Sarah Schneewind: Psalm 121 ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? ²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8 Rev Siefert Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying,

‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Pastoral Meditation: “”

Hymn of Response: ““Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (The Hymnal #476)

Prayers and Concerns

Joys – Concerns – Blessings

Please share any special concerns, joys, and blessings.

Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN.

Collection and Presentation of the Offering

Invitation to the Offering

One: God’s persistence in affecting change invites us to be generous in our giving. We are called to be persistent in our desire for the kingdom that is only available through the promise. Let us offer our gifts of treasure and talent that will further peace wherever they are needed.

***Hymn: “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”** (The Hymnal #551)

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: Holy God, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank You that we have been given an abundance of resources to share. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give be used to further Your love in this beloved community and throughout the world. AMEN.