

## Closing and Blessing

\*Closing Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (The Hymnal #184)

\*Benediction and Blessing<sup>1</sup>

\*Ringing 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. TBD - Faith Formation for Middle Schoolers

Oct. 12 - Women's Guild - 6pm in Fellowship Hall

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

Nov. 6 - All Saints Day - 915am

Nov. 12th - "Footloose" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater,

hosted by Women's Guild - 1030am - Sign up in the Narthex by Oct. 9th

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](mailto:pastorsjucbongards@gmail.com).

<sup>1</sup> Liturgy adapted from

<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-23c-october-9/>



## Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ

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



"Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers"

**Rev. Scott Siefert | Organist: Penny Rolf**

**Liturgist: Cindy Henschen**

October 9, 2022 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Ringing of the Church Bell

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

**Liturgist: Cindy Henschen**

One: Come, beloved of God, and pause in the place of liminal longing.

**All: We come here to this sacred place to worship.**

One: Trust that the Holy One is already forming a new creation in you.

**All: We come trusting God's mercy to center and change us.**

One: Indeed, the Holy One calls you by name for deeds of mercy.

**All: May God's presence be with us in this gathering.**

\*Opening Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (The Hymnal #472)

### **Prayer of Invocation - Cindy Henschen**

One: Holy God, take our weary waiting and form in us a readiness for renewal. Shape our hearts for healing, our minds for mending, and our souls for sharing. Let no weight of the moment prevent our remembering of your long reach of faithfulness cast over the whole creation. Still us enough to discover again your prayer rising in our praying, that we may be formed by Your love made known to us in Jesus Christ.

**All: Change us on the inside that our outer lives may more clearly reflect your will and way of mercy into the world.**

### **Prayer of Confession - Rev Siefert**

One: Loving and compassionate God, form in me a space for healing and enter in anew. For too long I have clutched the past in ways that have prevented me from moving forward. Boundaries of my making have kept me resistant to your healing mercy. Definitions of the world's making have created divisions preventing the possibility of a new day, a new season, a new life.

**All: By Your mercy form in me a life of mercy and thanks.**

*—Time of Silent Confession—*

### **Assurance of Grace**

One: Hear the good news! Into our little openings of trust, God is pouring a large love born of mercy. No burden of your past is stronger than His power of Love to forgive, heal, and bless. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Now may our lives become songs of thanksgiving and praise that others may discover the amazing power of God to make all things new!

**AMEN.**

**First Scripture Reading: Liturgist: Cindy Henschen: Psalm 111** <sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup>He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. <sup>8</sup>They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. <sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

**Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-17** <sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**Pastoral Meditation: "One in Ten"**

**Hymn of Response: "He Leadeth Me"** (The Hymnal #466)

## **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: Luke tells us that Jesus healed ten lepers but only one returned to give thanks and that one was a foreigner. Again and again in the Bible the unlikely one in the story becomes the model of generosity and grace. Maybe today, we are the ones God is hoping will return to give thanks and praise. May we offer our best in joyful response to the gift of our lives that this mission of healing may continue to spread throughout the world.

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

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**All: Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have shown what your heart is like - merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Form that same spirit in us that our lives may become continual prayers of thanksgiving. Let no cry of your creation go unheard. Form us as agents of praise, molding us with mercy for a world crying out for healing.**