



# Order of Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

**August 21, 2022**

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## **Call to worship** *(Based on Jeremiah 1:5)*

God knows us before we are born

**God creates and consecrates us**

Listen for God's call speaking through the Spirit

**We are ready to hear and respond**

Let us worship God.

## **Call to confession**

We are led astray from God and God's purpose for our lives by our sins and shortcomings. Let us clear our path back to God through our prayer of confession.

## **Prayer of confession**

Eternal God, you call, but we fail to listen. We rationalize our way out of doing what you desire. We excuse ourselves from your work claiming our own inadequacies. You promise to equip us, but we fail to trust you. Transform us. Encourage us. Make us steadfast in faith. Amen.

## **Assurance of pardon**

God's grace is abundant. God's redemption free to receive. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

## **Prayer for illumination**

God of Glory, open our hearts and minds to the hearing and receiving of your Word today. May we listen, discern and follow wherever you call. Amen.

## **Scripture readings**



## **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of faith** *(From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

### **Call for the offering**

We belong to God. Everything we have, even life itself, is a gift from God. In gratitude to God, let us return a portion of these gifts as our tithe and offering.

### **Prayer of dedication**

God of abundance and steadfast love, you provide for us in ways we do not always know or recognize. You have prepared and provided for us since before we were born. Receive these tokens of our gratitude and bless them. May the gifts we return to you provide for others in a way that gives glory to you and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Creator God,

Hear our prayers of *protection* for the little ones climbing aboard yellow school buses, backpacks full of sack lunches, books and hope for the new year ahead. Shelter our young, O God, as they leave their homes and their parents' embrace. Guide them in their schools so their minds are filled with knowledge, their hearts with affirmation, their selves with esteem and confidence.

Hear our prayers of *provision* for the grieving, the lost, the lonely, the sick, the poor. Provide for the survivors of our world's violence, O God, who live and relive trauma. Provide shelter for the refugees and escapees of war, famine, devastating floods and wildfires. Provide food for the hungry of stomach and soul.

Hear our prayers of *protest* against injustice. Help us interrogate our systems and the leaders who build them, God our Judge. Help us expose bias and confront structures that privilege few and oppress many. Help us resist greed and empire-building, turning from temptations to overconsume, hoard and inevitably destroy.

Hear our prayers of *petition* for those we love and those in need, Great God, who we lift in silence to you now...

Glorious God, you deserve all our honor and praise. Grateful for your attention and your presence with us in prayer, hear us now, as we collectively pray the prayer Christ taught us saying, "**Our Father...**".



## **Charge and benediction**

God calls;  
Christ saves;  
The Spirit sends us into mission and ministry.

May we leave this house of worship knowing the grace,  
hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer  
and Sustainer. Amen.

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