



***Our Vision***

*is to be Christ to each other and our  
community – doing justice, loving mercy  
and walking humbly with our God.*

*Sunday, November 8, 2020*

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

The Lord's Day

November 8, 2020

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

KREMSER  
arr. Jan Sanborn

*We Gather Together*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

*As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.*

The Call to Worship

Jim and Jean Pruett

Psalm 78; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Passing of the Peace

The Hymn of Praise

KREMSER

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

1. We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator,  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you,  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praised.

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Children's Lesson

Penny Ginn

The Old Testament Lesson

Matt Johnson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Matt Johnson

*Change Starts With a Choice*

The Offertory Prayer

Gerald Keown

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

PADERBORN  
arr. Henry Coleman

*Ye Servants of God*  
Sanctuary Choir  
(Recorded Sept. 29, 2019)

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name:  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol: His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

The Doxology

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him, above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Hymn of Response

LAUDA ANIMA

*Lord, You Call Us to Your Service*

1. Lord, you call us to your service, summon us for work divine,  
reach to us for life's vocation as the witness you design.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Send us as your kingdom sign.

2. Great Creator of the living, in the dark your light shines through.  
Out of nothing you have made us priestly people, holy true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Make our lives as songs to you.

3. Son of God, great incarnation, Father's gift of suffering love,  
in your teaching, healing, working, you have shown us life above.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Grant us holy lives thereof.

4. Prodding Spirit, holy presence, calling each of us by name,  
in our leading, preaching, witness, help us not your power to tame.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Lead us, all your gifts to claim.

5. Lord, you call us to your service, grant us fruit as you ordain.  
Risking all, we make disciples, working for your coming reign.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Faithful servants we remain.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Franklin L. Sheppard  
arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

*This Is My Father's World*

Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.*

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## Book Study

Our last book study for this calendar year will be a two-night introduction to an Advent devotional book, ***Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent,*** by Pamela Hawkins. We will meet via Zoom on November 10 and 17 at 7:00.

## Blood Drive, Sunday, November 15

Fernwood is hosting our next blood drive on Sunday, November 15, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. You're eligible to give if your last whole blood donation was at our prior mobile event on September 6.

Sign up by using in the Blood Connection portal. It will allow you to sign up online, answer your questions ahead of time, and potentially qualify for points that can be traded in for gift cards!

<https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/auth/signin>

Watch for emails from their system as we start to do signups. Thanks for giving of yourself to our community!

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