The liturgical color is green the twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Two Chorale Preludes on EIN' FESTE BURG" Walther, Pachelbel
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Laurie Babcock, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who hunger for more than bread.
People: We come, grateful for the One who blesses and multiplies our small offerings.
Leader: Jesus took what was given—a few loaves and fish—and made it enough for all.
People: With hearts full of thanks, we bring what we have, trusting God to make it sufficient.
Leader: John Wesley taught, "Give all you can—not to earn God's favor, but to share God's love."
People: We give, not from fear or pride, but from gratitude and grace.
Leader: Come, then, to worship the Giver of every good gift.
People: With thankful hearts, open hands, and willing spirits—we worship the One who provides, multiplies, and satisfies.

***OPENING HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH 127

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

STONE SOUP

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, You take what we offer—our time, our gifts, our hearts—and You bless them beyond measure. Like the loaves and fish shared on the hillside, You multiply every act of gratitude and grace. Teach us to give not out of duty, but out of joy; not from abundance alone, but from trust in Your provision. May our giving reflect the love You have so freely given to us. Fill us, O Christ, with thankful hearts that we might become bread for a hungry world. In Your name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE James 1:17-18, p. 854 | John 6:35 NIV, p. 755

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

ANTHEM "I Love You, Lord" Choral Setting by Jack Schrader
Charter Members Men's Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Peace Like a River" arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN OF CENTERING "Hope of the World" vs. 1 and 2 UMH 178

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-15 NIV, p. 754

MESSAGE "The Lost Art of Gratitude: Give All You Can"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

***BENEDICTION**

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "Fantasia on OLD HUNDRETH" Gordon Young

Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT

Altar Flowers are presented by Jan Sudekum
In Loving Memory of son, David

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Sue Martensen
In Loving Memory of parents, Mel & Esther,
Sisters, Dorothy & Essie

Flower Opening on November 16th
To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

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