

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**November 14, 2021**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

- \* God's Greeting
- \* We Greet One Another
- \* Call to Worship

*Praise the Lord!*

**With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!**

*Praise the Lord, all the earth—everyone, everywhere!*

**We too will praise the Lord!**

- \* Opening Songs

“To God Be the Glory”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #604*

To God be the glory, great things he has done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

“In Our Lives Lord, Be Glorified”

*Lift Up Your Hearts #861*

In our lives, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

- \* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God, you call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness; to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light. We confess the times when we have failed and act in ways that did not bring honor to your name.*

**Lord forgive us. Teach us how to live as children of the light.**

*You call us love one another and to love others as deeply as we have been loved by you.  
We confess the times when we have failed, valuing our own desires over those of others in need.*

**Lord forgive us. Teach us how to love as we have been loved.**

*You call us to work through our disagreements with love and integrity, and to build up the body of Christ.  
We confess the times when we have failed, finding it easier to simply walk away from hurtful relationships.*

**Lord forgive us. Teach us how to live with love and integrity.**

*Give us hunger to know you more, so that we may do your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.*

God's Words of Assurance (From Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8)

*If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.*

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:11-20

<sup>11</sup> While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. <sup>12</sup> When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, <sup>13</sup> telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup> If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup> So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Message: "The King and His Marching Orders"

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Song of Response: "I Love to Tell the Story"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #262*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Prayer of Application

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: "Go to the World"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #925*

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you till the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia!

\* Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

Children's Message: Rev. Tyler Helfers

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Musicians: Andrew Friend and Laura Hufford

## **THIS WEEK**

**Adult Sunday School Class** will meet by the fireplace this morning to conclude our study of the Book of Ruth. Tom Niehof will lead us in the study of Ruth chapter four.

**Pastor Vacation** - Pastor Randy will be on vacation from the 11th - 19th. If anything comes up during this time, please contact an Elder or Deacon.

## **COMMITTEE NOTES**

**Ways to serve** - There are two ways that the church has been serving Sawyer Elementary. (1) The church stores and delivers boxes of food that are then distributed to children so that they have meals over the weekend. These boxes are dropped off each week during the school day on Thursday or Friday before 11:30. (2) Each month we take donuts for the staff to enjoy and to know that they are appreciated.... From our small group conversations on Sunday, individuals have expressed interest in helping with these drop-offs. If this is something you would like to assist with, please let Christina know.

**From the Deacons** – Please see a deacon if you are interested in October's income and expenses.

**From Outreach Committee** - Outreach would like to thank all the supporters/participants in the Trunk or Treat. Thanks to those manning the inflatables, food table, photo booth, parking/set up and to all who provided such creative trunks ! Thank you to those who worked behind the scenes - Christina, Naomi, Tina, and Laura who provided preparation support and planning input. Thanks also to Pastor Randy for the inspiration for the event and his support throughout. Thanks again for a great outreach to the community!

## **DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thanksgiving Prayers** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Have you ever wondered if it's okay to thank God for really little things? 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 encourages us to thank God no matter what is happening. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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**Groundwork: Jonah: Doing God's Work** - It doesn't matter who we are, what we've done, or how inadequate we feel, God has work for us to do. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Jonah 3 to better understand how much God cares and to discover the courage to never give up on someone or let our bias hinder our message as we continue to do God's work and follow God's call in the world today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)) Think back over the past year. Where have you “sown sparingly”? Where have you “sown generously”? How do you “decide in your heart” what and when to give? How intentional are those decisions? How might you find more joy in giving generously?

**Free Advent Devotion:** You Shall Call His Name Jesus - Is your soul weary? Take heart in the names of Jesus that remind us of God's character, presence, and work in the world. Sign up for this free Advent devotion from World Renew, Resonate, and the CRC Office of Social Justice at [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent).