

November 17, 2019 – 10:00 am
23rd Sunday After Pentecost



“By holding fast, you will gain your lives.”

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- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- LITURGY BY REV LAVON BAYLER
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“Shout to the Lord”** arr. Jerry Ray

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God is ready to answer us, even before we call.
God is eager to listen, though we are not ready to speak.

**MANY: The hills sing together before God’s presence.
All of nature proclaims God’s glory.**

One: If the seas join in praise, how much more
should we. If hills are alive with song, let us,
too, awake to sing.

**MANY: Make a joyful noise to God, all people of the
earth! Break forth into joyous song!**

One: Be glad! Rejoice in all that God is creating.
Welcome the new heaven and earth God has
planned.

**MANY: We worship God with great joy and delight.
We welcome God’s healing touch in our midst.**

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 421 “We Gather Together”**
Tune NCH 420

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**God of hosts, our strength and our salvation, there are
no words large enough to praise you. No response by
us can match the love you have shown us. Gather us
now in your warm embrace, that our faith may be
renewed and our work empowered to the honor and
glory of your holy name. Amen**

Let us give God our praise and thanksgiving.

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

Lay Liturgist

READING OF ISAIAH 12: Pastor Rosemary

EPISTLE READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19**

This is the Word of God. It is true and can be trusted.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: "Finding our Joy"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: "He Leadeth Me"**

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PASTORAL PRAYER:

(Beginning with silent personal prayer)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed
be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

OFFERTORY: “Firm Foundation” arr. Johnathan Snow

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780 (DIFFERENT WORDS)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

We rejoice, O God, in the new world you are creating around us and within us. We give thanks for the joy we find in the church as we draw water from the wells of salvation. It is our intention to share the joy with others. To this end, we dedicate our offerings. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 576** Tune NCH 126

“For the Healing of the Nations”

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: TUNE: “Amazing Grace”**

**Depart in peace to do God’s will;
Walk ever in the light,
For Christ is with you ever more,
To guide you day and night.** *(Written by Ruth Duck)*

***POSTLUDE: “All Hail, King Jesus” arr. Debbie Mouser**