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An Order for the Service of Worship and Holy Communion

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM

OCTOBER 31, 2021

PRELUDE

Ms. Becky Oliver, Organist

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor

INVOCATION

Rev. Bowers

GATHERING HYMN ***The Church in the Wildwood*** (1,3) Cokesbury #121

HYMN

Morning Has Broken

UM Hymnal #145

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Bowers

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Bowers

OFFERING

The Ushers

THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY

(Instrumental)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34 (p 46)

HOMILY

“From Command to Promise”

Rev. Bowers

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him. Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin. Come to the Lord's Table, be at peace.

CONFESSION OF SIN:

We have not believed you or trusted in your power. **Lord, help our unbelief.**
(*Silence*)

We have stained our souls by our action and inaction. We have sinned against you. **Cleanse us, Lord.** (*Silence*)

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable to repair ourselves. **Heal us, Lord.** (*Silence*)

We ignore your call to center our lives in you, and so are deaf to the hopes and cries of the poor, the sick, the needy, and the earth. **Ground us, Lord!** (*Silence*)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.
Glory to God!

By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body. Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our common life.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ continually be with us all!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION:

May the Lord be with us as we lift our hearts to the Lord.

May God hear us as we give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore, we praise you. In our hearts we join with your people on earth and all the company of heaven in a constant hymn to the glory of your name: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are Full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling;

You were faithful.

We wandered from the way;

You called us to return and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us;

Pour out your Spirit on us

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts;

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts

Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ; Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.

Abba, Father! Let your kingdom come! **Glory to you, Heavenly Father!**

Come, Lord Jesus! Be our daily bread. **Glory to you. Only Son of God!**

Holy Spirit! Send us to the world. **Glory to you, Spirit of the Living God!**

Holy, Blessed Trinity! **One God forever!** Glory to you!

Glory to you!

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

GIVING THANKS:

Lord, you now have set your servants free to go in peace as you have promised. For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior whom you have prepared for all the world to see! Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

My Hope Is Built

Cokesbury #138

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bowers

POSTLUDE

Ms. Oliver

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A cordial welcome is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

There will be a PPRC Meeting this Sunday at 2:00 pm here at the church.

Got an idea? Need a suggestion? Want to get involved? Just want to talk? Facing a challenge? The person below is eager to listen!

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