



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord said: I am the Lord your God. I delivered you from Egypt and where you were held in the bonds of slavery.

People: Do not commit adultery.

Leader: Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

People: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Be Still My Soul"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Loving and faithful God, from the beginning You created us to have relationship with You, and relationship with one another.

People: We confess that our faithfulness does not always reflect Your faithfulness.

Leader: Our unhealthy choices cause pain to those we love.

People: We are not always patient and kind.

Leader: Our pride makes it difficult for us to listen.

People: We can become rude as we insist on our own way.

Leader: When anger lingers, it causes us to hold grudges.

People: We desire compassion, but have trouble being compassionate.

Leader: Have mercy on us, God of grace.

People: By Your Spirit, open our hearts to repentance and understanding. Direct us in Your truth, that we may desire to live with each other in peace and love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: As we offer our lives to God, our prayers are heard and our souls are healed. With joy and gratitude, remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: Through Jesus Christ, our relationship to God is restored and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN!

GOSPEL READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Gary Ihfe

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

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"I Would Be True"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:14

SERMON

"Do Not Commit Adultery"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Forever"

BENEDICTION