



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord said: I am the Lord your God. You were slaves in Egypt, and I delivered you.

People: Do not bear false witness.

Leader: A lying tongue is an abomination to the Lord.

People: The tongue of the wise brings forth healing.

Leader: May our lips always pour out God's praise.

People: May our tongues always sing of God's goodness.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lord Speak to Me"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of all truth, through the prophets You have revealed the beauty of who You are, and in Your Son You have held nothing back from us.

People: We are redeemed and called to bear witness to the love we've found, but our faith is weak and our memory is short.

Leader: You deal generously with us, but our generosity falters for others.

People: You patiently wait on us, but we are easily irritated by others.

Leader: You treat us with kindness and gentleness, but we are prejudiced and judgmental of others.

People: You freely forgive, but we hold grudges and break relationships with others.

Leader: We come to You in need of forgiveness.

People: Forgive us when our actions bear false witness to You, causing others to doubt and stumble. By Your Spirit, teach us to speak of Your mercy and declare Your love to all people.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved children of God, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13 & James 3:8-10

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jodie 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

"Thy Word"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:16

SERMON

"Do Not Steal"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Words"

BENEDICTION