



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: You shall observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Leader: It is good to give our thanks and sing praises to the Lord Most High.

People: It is good to proclaim God's love in the morning, and to tell of God's faithfulness at night.

Leader: How great are the works of the Lord, and how profound are God's thoughts.

People: We will exalt the name of the Lord our God forever!

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Just and gracious God, on this Sabbath day of rest and reflection, we confess the ways we have been unfaithful in our daily lives.

People: We become distracted by the noise all around us and rarely stop to seek Your still small voice.

Leader: We let fear and anger dissolve our relationships with one another.

People: We judge those who do not meet our standards.

Leader: We criticize those with whom we disagree.

People: We allow our prejudice to rule our thinking.

Leader: We utter harsh and harmful words.

People: We wrap ourselves in our own concerns and walk away from our neighbors in need.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord. Teach us Your ways of truth and light.

People: Give us a faith that causes us to reach out to all people with peace, hope, and love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: When we rest in God's presence, we find acceptance and the promise of new life. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God! AMEN!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:28-30, 12:9-13

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

"Rest in My Presence"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:8-11

SERMON

"Remember the Sabbath"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Lord, I Need You"

BENEDICTION