



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord said: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt and delivered you from the house of slavery.

People: You shall not commit murder.

Leader: For the sake of Jesus, we must learn to protect the physical life of all people,

People: and to foster the emotional well-being of all people,

Leader: and to guard the dignity of all people.

People: We will offer our hearts and hands to our brothers and sisters, so that we may be examples of God's unconditional love.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of life, You have called us to live together in love and unity.

People: We confess that we find ways to build walls and separate ourselves from one another.

Leader: In our pride, we are quick to pass judgment on those around us.

People: We let anger overcome understanding and compassion.

Leader: We speak bitter words that belittle and insult our neighbors.

People: We consider others to be foolish and regard them as inferior in value.

Leader: Forgive us when we declare that others are not worthy of being our peers and Your children.

People: Remind us that we all are equal in Your sight, and teach us the beauty of reconciliation and peace.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: At one time we were without Christ, strangers and aliens. But now, in Christ, we are reconciled to God. Remember and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: God's covenant is everlasting; God's love is forever; God's forgiveness renews us and makes us whole. Thanks be to God. AMEN!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-26

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

“Prayer of St. Francis”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:13

SERMON

“Do Not Kill”

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Benediction”

BENEDICTION