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WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude	Fugue & Harmonization on "St. Anne" J.S. Bach/Adaptation by Hal Hopson
Call to worship	
	Leader: We come to this place where God meets us with acceptance and love.
	People: We come to replace our doubts and fears with God's abiding presence.
	Leader: We gather with those around us who seek to follow Jesus.
	People: We gather so that we may walk in paths of service hand in hand.
	Leader: We gather so that our hearts may be opened to God's calling.
	People: We gather so that together we may proclaim the mighty acts of God.
Invocation	
Hymn of Praise	"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" #559

Confession & Pardon

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful disciples.

People: We have not lived by Your law of love.

Leader: We remain silent in the face of evil and speak when we should listen.

People: We practice deceit, convincing ourselves that withholding the truth is not lying.

Leader: We fail to seek after Your ways of peace and justice.

People: We cannot forgive others as You have forgiven us.

Leader: Forgive our sin, O God, and lead us from darkness to light.

People: Guide us in ways of love and service, that Your mighty works may be known to all around us.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: As people led by the Spirit, we have died to the old life and new life has begun. We remember the gift of Your salvation, and take refuge in the good news of the Gospel:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection

"Cornerstone"

Ministry Moment

Doxology

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 42:29-38

Sermon

"Man vs. Self"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment

"Build My Life"

Benediction

Postlude

"All My Hope is Firmly Grounded"

Herbert Howells

The **Circle of Faith** will meet Thursday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. *Please wear a mask!*

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jerry Rust, who passed away on August 20.

Please note: The start date for Wednesday Neters has been postponed until September 22.