

November 8, 2020 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting

Song (Instrumental)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist #1: Put away the things you have substituted for God. Let your worship of the one true God be genuine.

Liturgist #2: We seek to know God and to rejoice before our Creator. We know that God is beyond all our false images.

Liturgist #1: God is not deceived by our solemn assemblies. Our empty festivals do not impress our God.

Liturgist #2: We want to give joyous expression to a growing faith. We choose to serve the God whom Jesus revealed.

Liturgist #1: Our hope is in God's grace beyond all judgment. Our trust is in God's love, greater than our feeble imitation.

Liturgist #2: We welcome the light God promises us. We seek to respond with faithful service.

Song (Instrumental)

Confession of Sin (Liturgist #2)

If sin means cutting ourselves off from you and being unprepared to respond to your presence, surely we have sinned. Our lamps are not trimmed; our lives are not ready for your trumpet call. We have not listened well or encouraged one another in the faith. The distraction of many things has kept us from meditation and prayer. We are witnesses against ourselves, for we have vowed our loyalty and then have gone our own way. Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (Liturgist #1)

Children's Sermon

Song (Recorded)

Epistle Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Liturgist #1)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (Liturgist #2)

Offering

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

Song

Benediction

Postlude

*This morning's radio broadcast is sponsored by Jan Pierce, in loving memory of her beloved husband, Lt. Colonel Donald R. Pierce.

*The Sunday School Harvest Home Table is set up through November 29, as we follow the Stewardship Committee's lead in collecting donations for the Sauk Prairie Food Pantry. Students can bring in non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, or personal care items and place them on the table as you enter the Education Building. The Harvest Home Table tote will be in the Church entryway on Sunday mornings and outside the Church doors during the week to put your donations in.