

## October 24, 2021 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Our Worship Leader this morning is Pastor Bill

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 28 - Pierpoint authored the text included in "For the Beauty of the Earth" thanking God for what was created.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: God is gathering us from many different places. No one is worthy, but all are invited.

Congregation: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back. God cares for us amid our pain and losses.

Liturgist: We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble. Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

Congregation: Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing. We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.

Liturgist: Taste and see who good God is. Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

Congregation: We will bless our God in all times and places. Let us exalt God's name together!

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 297 - This hymn was written thanking God for a person's full life. Shirley Murry wrote "Give Thanks for Life" in 1986.

Confession of Sin

We confess, O God, that our lives have made of you a distant deity. We listen to what others say about you, but we have seldom glimpsed for ourselves who you are. We are dominated by our doubts instead of by our practice of prayer. We are not ready to repent in dust and ashes, but we do ask for mercy as we face up to sins we have not recognized and wrongdoing we have tried to ignore. Instill in us a new appreciation of righteousness and help us to grow in the way you would have us go. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri (Instrumental)

Old Testament Lesson – Jeremiah 31:7-9

Baptism

Special Music - Prerecorded anthem by First Choir - "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arranged by Robert Thygersen

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson – Hebrews 7:23-28

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory (Instrumental) - Our offertory is another hymn written by Shirley Murry. NCH 562 - "Take My Gifts" closes with "take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me."

Doxology (Instrumental)

Offertory Prayer

Gospel Lesson – Mark 10:46-52

Sermon

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 14 - Andre Crouch, a son of a protestant bishop, wrote "How Can I Say Thanks" in 1969. The refrain says "Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing unto you; And if I gain any praise, let it go to glorify you."

Benediction

Postlude