September 27, 2020 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting

Song (Instrumental)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

> Liturgist #1: Come, let us remember God's presence with us. Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.
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> Liturgist #2: Our ancestors have told us about God's might. They have celebrated God's wondrous deeds.
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> Liturgist #1: In the wilderness of Sinai, God provided water. Through the sea, God provided safe passage.
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> Liturgist #2: Yet the Israelites questioned God's presence. They needed assurance amid their doubts.
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> Liturgist #1: Our doubts can lead to honest searching. God welcomes questions that seek new truth.
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> Liturgist #2: we want to see God's larger picture. We are here to broaden the scope of our concern.

Song (Instrumental)

Confession of Sin (Liturgist #2)

> We fear to approach you with our confession, holy God, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 17:1-7

Children's Sermon

Song (recorded)

Epistle Lesson – Philippians 2:1-13

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon

Song (Instrumental)

Benediction

Postlude

*This morning's radio broadcast is sponsored by Pastor Bill's mom, Deborah Bailey, in honor and celebration of Pastor Bill's 23 years of Pastoral Ministry.

*Our Sunday school and Confirmation will be virtual today and next Sunday, October 4. To access our Sunday school content go to www.ucc-saukcity.org and you will find a link for virtual Sunday school. Our confirmation will convene on Google Meet.

*Weather permitting, there will be a 10:30am outdoor service in our beautiful church park on Sunday October 4. Communion will be served.