

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.10*

The risen Christ is the Savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community.

Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Adagio from Sonata for Piano Duet* Muzio Clementi

*PRAISE HYMN 711 "Lord of All Good" TOULON
(verse 1) **Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION

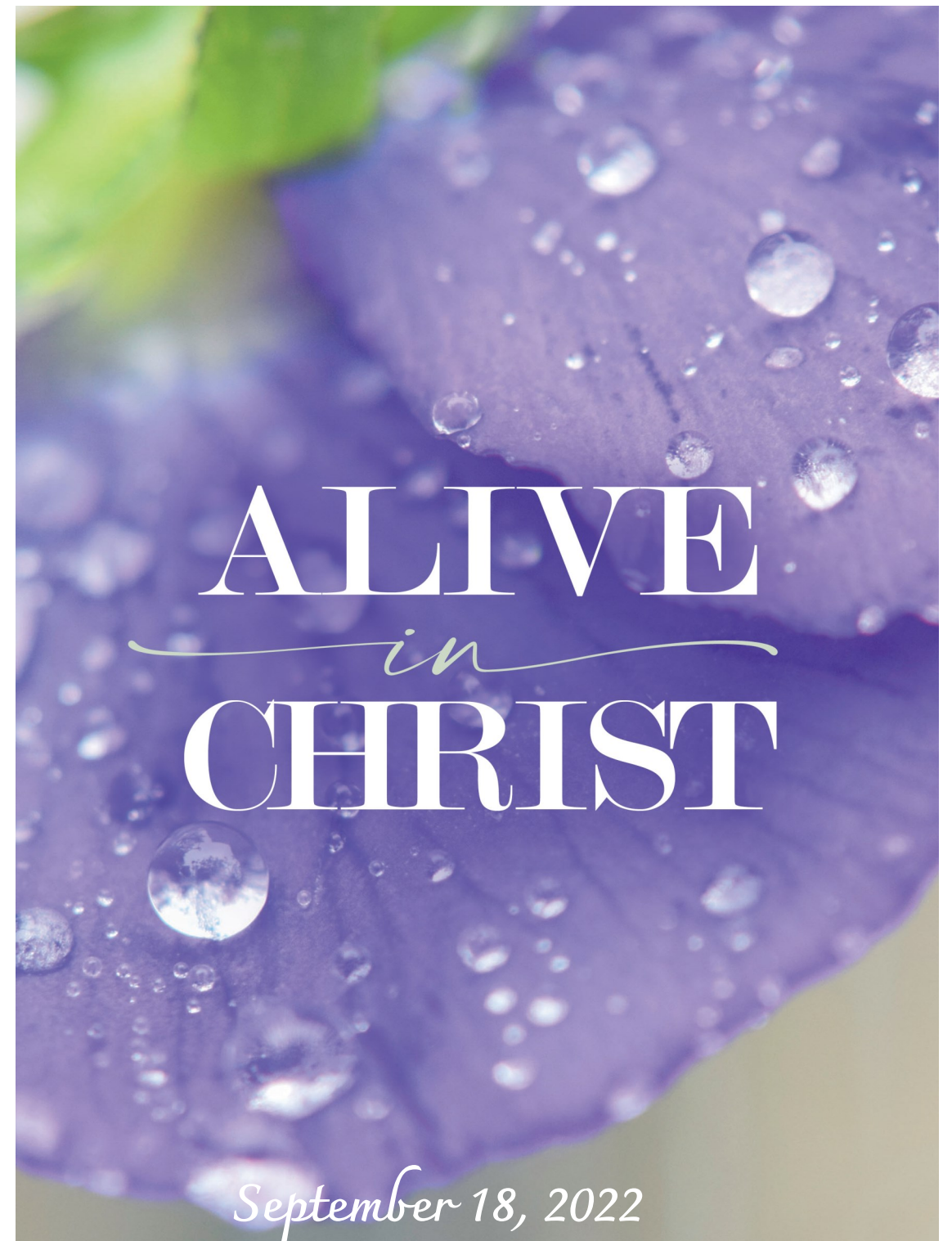
*SENDING HYMN 295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE
(verse 3) **Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*POSTLUDE

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green 15th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Allemande from French Suite No. 4.* J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved children of God,
in supplication and prayer, with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

we come to worship God.

In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns,

we come to worship God.

In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction,

let us worship God.

*HYMN 756 "O God of Every Nation" LLANGLOFFAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace.

We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed.

We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love.

Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity and all are treated with equity as your beloved children.

We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 587 "Alleluia!" CELTIC ALLELUIA

(SINGING TWICE)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING Psalm 113

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2: 11-22

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 720 "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE