

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from liturgy of the Eastern Mennonite Seminary*

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even in death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church for the glory of God.

This is our faith. This is our hope. Amen. So be it!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Air from Suite No. 3

J. S. Bach

*PRAISE HYMN 675 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" TALLIS' CANNON
(verse 4)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us" ARGENTINA

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 544 "Bless the Lord" BLESS THE LORD (Taize)

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.**

*POSTLUDE



October 9, 2022

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green 18th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Movement 2 from Overture No.5

Telemann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come from east and west, north and south!

**From everywhere God has placed us,
with everything God has given us,
as the people God made us—we come.**

Come, receive again the gift of grace!

Not for owning, not for boasting, but for celebrating—we come.

Come, discover again the way that leads to life!

Remembering who we are, seeking who we are yet to be—we come.

*HYMN 749

"Come! Live in the Light"

WE ARE CALLED

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you are always speaking, giving us instructions, directing our attention, and telling us your love. We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners. We aren't sure what is your voice, and what is ours, and what is just noise. We are easily distracted. We like our own ways. But even when we are too busy, you still call. We admit that we find you difficult to hear, and we ask for your help. Open our minds and hearts. Tune our ears to your voice. Help us to listen to what you have to say, and then help us to follow wherever you lead. *(Silence)*

Thank you, God, for hearing us, and for speaking to us. Remind us of your love and forgiveness and give us strength to be faithful to you. We pray in the name of Jesus, and by the power of the Spirit, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 583

(SING TWICE)

"Glory to God"

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!**

GLORIA (Taize)

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalms 23

GOSPEL READING

Romans 5: 1-5

PROCLAMATION

Sue Jacobson

*HYMN 767

"Together We Serve"

SAN ANSELMO