



Sunday, October 11, 2020 Outdoor Worship 10 a.m.

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PRELUDE *"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"* - Knickelbein

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Well, it's over isn't it?

C: Yes. Summer is gone.

L: And I guess we must leave behind all its joys.

C: All the splashing in the pool, and the ball games, and cookouts, and trips, and all the rest.

L: And face the fall and the coming winter.

C: With their back to school, and back to work, and the coming of the cold.

L: You know, we say it is as if life is only good in the summer.

C: Sometimes we feel that way. We live for summer.

L: But life is good all year, when we live in God's grace.

C: You mean, when the leaves blaze with color, and the nights are crisp and clear?

L: And even when the earth is bedded down for a quiet night in a glistening snowy blanket.

C: Life is good even then, you say.

L: For God is love, and with God, it is never winter, but always only spring and summer.

C: Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG *"O Day of Rest and Gladness"* stanzas 1,2,4 ELW 521

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright; on you the high and lowly through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.
2. On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious, the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
4. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All: Lord Jesus, God of each step, you walk with us on our journeys. Through our valleys of despair, our mountains of accomplishment and our twisting paths of transition, you are with us. Yet, we often think we made it by ourselves, refusing to acknowledge your gentle nudges, discounting the helping hands along the way, not noticing the prayers that followed us and went before us each step of the way. We have not been alone, though at times we could only see our single footprints, feel our overwhelming responsibility, hear only our heartbeat of depression.

FORGIVENESS

Leader: God in tender mercy has washed us in the water of Baptism, clothed us in Love and united us with Jesus. Through Jesus, our sins are forgiven and God opens our path to the future. Amen.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Phil Ruud

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" stanzas 1,4,6

ELW 873

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king. *(Refrain)*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

4. Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array, as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day. *(Refrain)*

6. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore; the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *(Refrain)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, the one who comes before us and goes behind us,
creating life and opportunities to love and care for the world.**

We believe in Jesus Christ who walks with us into real life each day.

He is God, yet human like us and has experienced all life's joys and pains and challenges as we do.

But his love is so great that not sin nor suffering nor even death can stop it.

Today the love of Jesus lives and continues to bring new life to the world.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who comes like the wind and blows in and through us to bring
God's power and light to all the world.**

The spirit breathes life into us, the body of Christ we call the Church and

**enables us to follow the way of Christ. We believe in God, who goes before and behind, with, in,
and through us, bringing hope and life and newness to the world.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We dedicate ourselves in service to God and our neighbor with these words from the Hymn ELW 692, *“We Are an Offering”*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Congregation Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Today we are praying for Aaron Kreisler, Mike Miller, Shirley Schuler

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

L: May the Spirit of God empower you as you journey with Jesus into the ordinary and extraordinary places of life. May you be blessed with the energy of God to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint...even when the world seems overwhelming.

C: **The Spirit goes with us to give us life and breath—and the passion and fire of God in all we do.**

SENDING SONG *“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”* stanzas 1,2,3 ELW 536

1. God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,

Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;

Till we meet, till we meet,

God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3. God be with you till we meet again; when life’s perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

POSTLUDE *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”* - Alexander

Worship Participants

Pastor Phil Ruud *Pastor Chris Engstrom* *CY&F Ministry—Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid*
Debbie Stark, piano *Lonnie Stark & Mike Trelstad, vocals*

Calendar

- Sun., Oct. 11** 10 a.m. Outdoor Worship; 4 p.m. Sunday School Worship
- Mon., Oct. 12** 10 a.m. Social Ministry
- Tues., Oct. 13** 10 a.m. Coping & Caring Conversations via ZOOM
- Wed., Oct. 14** 10:30 a.m. Pastors’ Text Study
6:30 p.m. Food Shelf Board
- Thurs., Oct. 15** 4:30-6:30 p.m. Food Shelf
- Sun., Oct. 18** 10 a.m. Outdoor Worship; 4 p.m. Sunday School Worship

FINANCIAL REPORT 9/30/2020

GENERAL FUND SEPTEMBER GIFTS AND BEGINNING BALANCE	GENERAL FUND SEPTEMBER EXPENSES	CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 9/30/20
\$16,982.47	\$23,033.79	-\$6,051.32)

For September we ended with a negative balance of -(\$6,051.32) in the checking account after paying all the General Fund expenses and had to transfer \$6,500.00 from the General Fund Reserve in order to end the month with a positive balance of \$448.68. We continue to be challenged during these next few months to keep up with all the expenses.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTSIDE WORSHIP THEMES FOR OCTOBER

Please bring your own chairs, sit six feet from other families, and wear a mask.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 4:00 P.M.

It's a Party - The lesson this week is the parable of the **Wedding Banquet**. We will have fun learning how God invites us to be followers of Christ. How does it feel to spend time with people you love? How are we open to God's love?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 4:00 P.M.

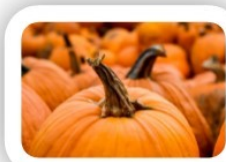
You are a Gift – God gives each of us gifts to share with others. What are your gifts? How do you use gifts to meet the needs of others? It's also super fun to look for gifts in others! It's even MORE fun to use your gifts together with other people's gifts. Today's Sunday School Worship offers an opportunity to serve others. **Holy Communion will be served.**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 4:00 P.M.

PUMPKIN DECORATING EVENT – PREREGISTER BY MONDAY OCTOBER 19TH

Come to carve or decorate pumpkins and share a devotion on how God's light shines through us. We are called to shine our light for all to see!



We will gather outside in the parking lot, with each family/self-selected group at a separate table. Preregistration is necessary for this event so we have enough pumpkins and tables for all the friends who gather. Register on the First English website, <http://www.firstenglishchurch.com/children-youth--family.html>

TWO OPTIONS FOR DECORATING:

- Carve** – we furnish the pumpkin, you bring your own carving tools.
- Face Stickers** – we furnish a pumpkin and pumpkin face sticker set.

When you register, include each person who will need a pumpkin (or indicate you will bring your own) and if you will carve or use a sticker set.. Children grades 5 and younger must be accompanied by a caring adult. Social distancing guidelines are to be followed*.

**In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall, physically distant and wearing masks.*

“THE HATE U GIVE”

*Continuing the racial justice conversation
TUESDAY, November 10.*

Do you long to live in a world where all of God's children are equally valued and loved? How do we struggle with reality of racism and live into a more just society? Some of us read the book and/or watched the film, “Just Mercy” and wanted to continue our conversation around racial justice. Kris Herstgaard Kincaid and Pr. Chris Engstrom will host a zoom conversation around the book/film “The Hate You Give” Order the book, watch the film or both.

And join us on **Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.** Sign up on the church bulletin board, the Facebook event page, or call the office at 263-3042.

The Hate U Give is a 2018 American drama^[4] film directed by George Tillman Jr. with a screenplay by Audrey Wells, based on the 2017 young adult novel of the same name by Angie Thomas. The film stars Amandla Stenberg, Regina Hall, Russell Hornsby, KJ Apa, Common, and Anthony Mackie, and follows the fallout after a high school student witnesses a police shooting.

The Hate U Give premiered at the 2018 Toronto International Film Festival on September 7, 2018,^[5] and was released in the United States on October 5, 2018.^[6] The film received critical acclaim, with many praising Stenberg's performance, and grossed over \$34 million against its \$23 million budget. Stenberg was nominated for and won numerous accolades, including the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture.

