

May the LORD be with you as he used
to be with my father. And may you
treat me with the faithful love of
the LORD as long as I live.
1 Samuel 20

October 2, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Maestoso in c# minor” (Vierne-Schreiner) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith

Like Andrew brought the boy with the bag lunch to Jesus on the mountainside,

Like Barnabas encouraged the early church,

Like Jonathan supported David in fulfilling his call,

So may we stand beside one another, for, as people of the covenant, we do not walk alone.

*OPENING HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” UMH 526

*OPENING PRAYER

God, we thank you this day for those we trust, those who

- **create safe space for us amid life’s turmoil,**
- **speak truth to us when we go astray, and**
- **encourage us when we need a boost.**

For such faithful friends, we give you thanks. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Bread of the World” (Shepard) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

1 Samuel 20:1-17

20 David now fled from Naioth in Ramah and found Jonathan. “What have I done?” he exclaimed. “What is my crime? How have I offended your father that he is so determined to kill me?”

² “That’s not true!” Jonathan protested. “You’re not going to die. He always tells me everything he’s going to do, even the little things. I know my father wouldn’t hide something like this from me. It just isn’t so!”

³ Then David took an oath before Jonathan and said, “Your father knows perfectly well about our friendship, so he has said to himself, ‘I won’t tell Jonathan—why should I hurt him?’ But I swear to you that I am only a step away from death! I swear it by the LORD and by your own soul!”

⁴ “Tell me what I can do to help you,” Jonathan exclaimed.

⁵ David replied, “Tomorrow we celebrate the new moon festival. I’ve always eaten with the king on this occasion, but tomorrow I’ll hide in the field and stay there until the evening of the third day. ⁶ If your father asks where I am, tell him I asked permission to go home to Bethlehem for an annual family sacrifice. ⁷ If he

says, 'Fine!' you will know all is well. But if he is angry and loses his temper, you will know he is determined to kill me. ⁸ Show me this loyalty as my sworn friend—for we made a solemn pact before the LORD—or kill me yourself if I have sinned against your father. But please don't betray me to him!"

⁹ "Never!" Jonathan exclaimed. "You know that if I had the slightest notion my father was planning to kill you, I would tell you at once."

¹⁰ Then David asked, "How will I know whether or not your father is angry?"

¹¹ "Come out to the field with me," Jonathan replied. And they went out there together. ¹² Then Jonathan told David, "I promise by the LORD, the God of Israel, that by this time tomorrow, or the next day at the latest, I will talk to my father and let you know at once how he feels about you. If he speaks favorably about you, I will let you know. ¹³ But if he is angry and wants you killed, may the LORD strike me and even kill me if I don't warn you so you can escape and live. May the LORD be with you as he used to be with my father. ¹⁴ And may you treat me with the faithful love of the LORD as long as I live. But if I die, ¹⁵ treat my family with this faithful love, even when the LORD destroys all your enemies from the face of the earth."

¹⁶ So Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, saying, "May the LORD destroy all your enemies!" ¹⁷ And Jonathan made David reaffirm his vow of friendship again, for Jonathan loved David as he loved himself.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON All Are Called: "Supported" Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

OFFERTORY "Song of Peace" (Martin) Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Kathleen Meredith

Lord, we are blessed by those around us offering the support we need, through our families, our friends, our church, and sometimes even strangers. For this, we are grateful. May we commit our giving to providing help to those who lack support in our community and our world. In the name of the Holy One who always supports us, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "The Servant Song" TFWS 2222

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE "Triumphal March" (Lemmens) Henry Repp

Encounter

Sunday Evening Worship through October
by the Lake
come encounter Christ

In creation, at the table, in fellowship

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5 p.m. Dietz Center
1048 County Rd 521 Newton NJ
(The Dietz Center is located at the old Camp Aldersgate)

Next Sunday, October 9, we will celebrate two baptisms and 4 new members!! Come to worship with us in the 10:30 service in the Sanctuary and welcome our new brothers and sisters in Christ!

In need of prayer and centering?

Join us for Prayers and Praises each Wednesday evening through October from 6-7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
An opportunity to connect with God through prayer and music.

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Organist/Music Director
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
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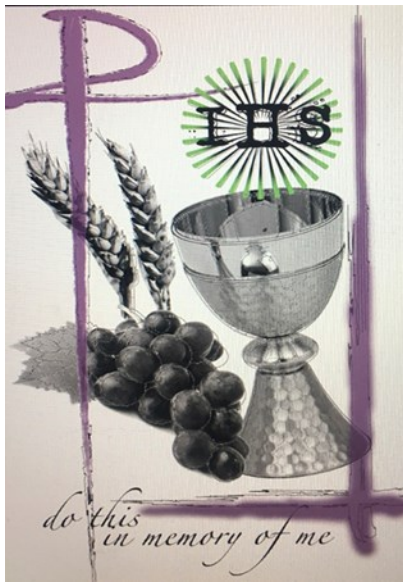
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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

