

June 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Thírd Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE

Henry Repp

GREETING

Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Kathleen Meredith

People of God, run to our welcoming God.

Holy One, you never pass us by.

People of God, proclaim our love for the God of Love.

Beloved One, you hear our voices; you answer our cries and receive our praise.

People of God, sing God's good news to the world.

Empowering One, you give us power to be signs of the kingdom of heaven.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 427 (v. 1,5,6)

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

Loving God, you remind us that the kingdom of heaven has come near. Open our eyes, our faith, and our hearts, that we may perceive and celebrate your presence. Give us eyes, as Abraham and Sarah before us, to see you on our doorsteps, as you promise us unimaginable joy. Give us the faith of Paul to trust your eternal and unfailing love. Give us hearts empowered by your Son, Jesus Christ, to show your compassion to the harassed and the helpless. We ask in the name of Jesus, who reconciles us to you and sends us forth to be your reconciliation in the world. Amen.

ANTHEM Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING

Kathleen Meredith

Matthew 9:35-38; 10:7-23

³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were

confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

⁷Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

⁹ "Don't take any money in your money belts—no gold, silver, or even copper coins. ¹⁰ Don't carry a traveler's bag with a change of clothes and sandals or even a walking stick. Don't hesitate to accept hospitality,

because those who work deserve to be fed.

¹¹ "Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town. ¹² When you enter the home, give it your blessing. ¹³ If it turns out to be a worthy home, let your blessing stand; if it is not, take back the blessing. ¹⁴ If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day.

¹⁶ "Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. ¹⁷ But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. ¹⁸ You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me. ¹⁹ When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. ²⁰ For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed. ²² And all nations will hate you because you are my followers. But everyone who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one town, flee to the next. I tell you the truth, the Son of Man will return before you have reached all the towns of Israel.

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

Thanks be to God for this Word.

ANTHEM Choir

SERMON "Sent" Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY Henry Repp

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*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kathleen Meredith

Loving God, what shall we return to you for your great bounty in our lives? Your generosity knows no limits. Your loving compassion pours into our hearts and our very beings. We thank you. We call upon you, trusting your love. We offer you all that we have and all that we are, hoping for your glory and desiring your kingdom. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Together We Serve"

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*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Rev. Lattig
Henry Repp



Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Liturgist Organist/Music Director Greeter Camera Operator Soundboard Operator Rev. Todd R. Lattig Kathleen Meredith Henry Repp Evelyn Cornwell Jen Phlegar Jay Morrison