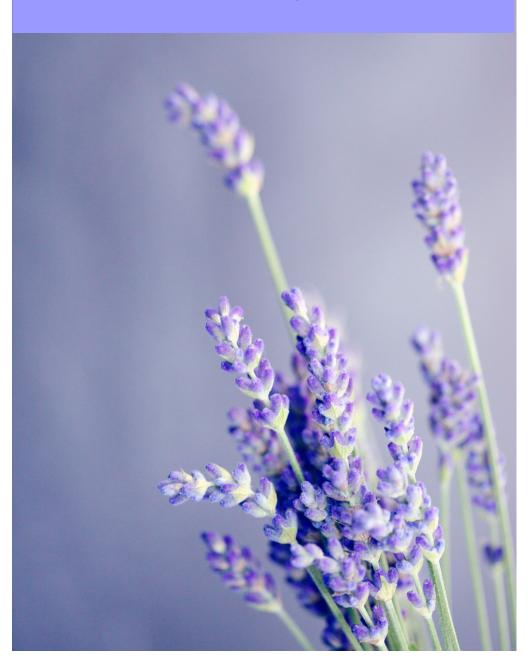
August 13, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE GREETING

Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Kathleen Meredith

O give thanks to the Lord!

Holy One, we come with thanks on our lips.

Sing to God, sing praises!

Rise up your song in our souls.

Tell of God's wonderful works!

Our hearts find joy in seeking you.

Seek the Lord and claim God's strength!

We grow strong in your power and might.

Remember all that God has done!

You shape our lives through every challenge.

Praise the Lord!

We praise you, Lord!

*HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West"

UMH 548

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

Eternal God, in visions and dreams, you offer us hope for a new tomorrow. Amidst life's storms and raging waters, be with us in our time of need. Reveal to us the great works we are capable of, that we may rise above our narrow purposes, and be of service to the world. Bless our journeys, that it may be said of us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Lattig

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING

Kathleen Meredith

Romans 10:5-15

⁵ For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. ⁶ But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷ And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)." ⁸ In fact, it says,

"The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart."

And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: ⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." ¹² Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

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

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON

"Beautiful Feet"

Rev. Lattig

OFFERING "Andante in B-flat Major" (Telemann) Melinda McCoy-Miller

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 (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

Through our struggles, you carve out hope. Through our suffering, you give us gifts — gifts not just for us, but to give away. Gracious, almighty God, receive the fruit of our struggles and the pain of our suffering. Receive our lives, our whole lives, and every step on our journeys, that we might shine with your glory in all our endeavors. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE







Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Liturgist Flute Soloist Greeter Camera Operator Soundboard Operator Rev. Todd R. Lattig Kathleen Meredith Melinda McCoy-Miller Evelyn Cornwell Jen Phlegar Jay Morrison