



Reach One More For Jesus!
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 2020

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart K. Kline Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Betty Neese
When all seems to be lost, God is most near to us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Neese

L: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

P: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

L: The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

P: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

L: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of Divine Will.

P: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" vs. 1 & 2 Hymnal Page #102

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

OPENING PRAYER Betty Neese

Boundless Shaper of people and nations, You are beyond our knowing, yet closer to us than our every breath. You are before us and behind us, surrounding us with Your love, and fashioning all of creation in the secret depths of Your heart. With every thought, with every song, and with every prayer, turn these fragile, earthen vessels of our lives, into the Spirit-filled body of Christ. Amen.

READINGS Betty Neese

Ps. 139:1-6; 147:5

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me. 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. 3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Heb. 4:13

13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "GOD READS YOU LIKE A BOOK" Pastor Tom

1. God Knows All About My Faults and Failures

2. God Knows All My Feelings and Frustration

3. God Knows My Future

4. God Knows All My Fears

5. God Knows All About My Faithfulness

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Betty Neese

With these gifts, we lay down all that we have and all that we are, and take up the cross with Jesus. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Hymnal Page #334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" by Charles Wesley/Carl G. Glaser

Thelma Downey