



Reach One More For Jesus!

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation" by Wesley/Stone Thelma Downey

GATHERING PRAYER Betty Neese

Lord, we are always getting ready for something. Rejoice with us as we prepare our hearts and spirits for the coming of Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Betty Neese

CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Neese

L: Today, God's word will be spoken to your hearts.

P: Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.

L: Today, God's love will be poured into your life.

P: Prepare us, Lord, to receive Your love.

L: Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah!

OPENING HYMN "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" vs. 1 & 5 Hymnal Page #371

1. I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

5. When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.

(Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER Betty Neese

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to You this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to Your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which You have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to You. Amen.

READINGS Betty Neese

II Cor. 9:7-8 NRSV

⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE**“WHAT GOOD IS MY GIVING?”**

Pastor Tom

1. Give Willingly.
2. Give Thankfully.
3. Give Joyfully.
4. Give Systematically.
5. Give Expectantly.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

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

We dedicate these gifts to You, Generous God, even as we dedicate our lives to You. Keep us true to our promise, that we may witness to You with all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

CLOSING 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” Attributed to John Fawcett

Thelma Downey