



Reach One More For Jesus!  
14th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 6, 2020

PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Joseph M. Scriven Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Betty Neese  
God, this Labor Day weekend, I thank You for the work to which You have called me  
— at home and beyond. May I glorify You in all I do.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Betty Neese  
September Birthdays & Anniversaries

CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Neese

L: From the comfort of our homes we gather to worship.

**P: Whether through printed word, or through the gift of technology, we are a community.**

L: Here we seek connection to the Divine.

**P: Come, let us worship God, shown to us through the risen Christ. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" vs. 1 & 3 Hymnal Page #89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

OPENING PRAYER Betty Neese

**Lord, we come this day to worship and thank You for the many ways You guide our lives. We ask that our hearts, our ears, and our spirits may be open to Your healing words of love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

READINGS Betty Neese

Proverbs 11:11; 18:21 NRSV

<sup>11</sup> By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

<sup>21</sup> Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

MESSAGE "OFFERING MY WORDS OF BLESSING" Pastor Tom

1. You Bless Others When You Show Courtesy.

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2. You Bless Others When You Offer Mercy.

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3. You Bless Others When You Express Sympathy.

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4. You Bless Others When You Affirm Them Expectantly.

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PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

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.

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

Because God has so richly blessed us, let us receive our morning offering in gratitude for all God has done and continues to do in our lives.

CLOSING HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life" vs. 1 & 3

Hymnal Page #600

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea" by Elliott/Bradley

Thelma Downey