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July 21st, 2024

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Sunday School 9:30 am, all are welcome.**
- **Bible Study this coming Wednesday, Character of the Bible being studied is Moses.**
- **If you or you know someone that would like to share their musical talents, please let Monica or Pastor Cyndi know. Song requests or reading of poems are welcome as well.**
- **Today Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service. Come and join us for extended fellowship and good food.**

Opening Prayer:

Lord, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. We rush from one thing to another as though we are going to run out of time to accomplish everything. Help us to let go of the hectic times and the stresses and find our rest in You. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go, but that we need the rest of the spirit that You provide. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:**

"Standing on the Promises" 1, 2, & 4 #374

Call to Worship:

L: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place

P: Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.

L: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

P: Our lives need moments of rest.

L: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

P: Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"
CLI Song # 17982 - CCLI License # 1164066

Offertory:

***Doxology #95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge Your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of Your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed Your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation: "Where He Leads Me" #338**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Gloria Patri #70

Message: "He Leads Me ..."
Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "He Touched Me" #367**

***Benediction**

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

***Postlude**

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You today laying down at Your feet, our Joys and our Concerns. We thank You for the joys You allow in our lives. We thank You for continuing to be with Judy Stouffer, Beverly Warren, and Karen Culp.

Thank You for being with us this past week. Thank You for all that You helped us through, thank You for the healing that You have allowed, and thank You for walking with us.

We lift before You this day the names of dear ones for whom we have a concern.

Judy Stouffer, Beverly Warren, Karen Culp, Betty and Bob's friend Gary who has been recently diagnosed with ALS, a 17-year-old Amish boy who was in a horse and buggy accident, Inez Corey, Leland Mackle, Jeanette Van Pelt, George Midlick ...

Let us turn these concerns over to You, for You are the Master Healer who restores our souls. Help us to place our trust and our lives in Your unending care.

Each of us has our struggles, and You know what they are. We hear Your Words that You will not leave us or forsake us, and we believe that to be true. With that belief, we believe that You will deliver us from them or give us the strength to endure.

No matter Your will, may we continue to glorify Your name.

God of peace and hope, we are a nation focused on activity. From every source of media, we have opportunities to go and see and do a host of activities. They beckon us to come and have fun, there are activities for all ages. But one of the most necessary activities we neglect is our need for rest.

We crowd each day, that has been given by You as a blessing, with busyness. We forget what it is like to sit and listen, to rest, to take time to reflect. Help us to find the quiet moments in which our souls can be made whole again.

We know that there will always be much for us to do to serve You in this world, but if we keep up this hectic pace, we will be unable to accomplish anything.

Open our eyes so that we see Your vision for us and Your church. Open our ears so that we hear Your voice over our own, and we ask that You guide our hearts so that our desires become Your desires.

We can't change the world, but we know that You can change the world in which we live. Use us as Your instruments to turn the darkness we face into light. So that the world in which we live may be transformed into a slice of heaven. So that those who enter will feel Your presence and come to know Your love. And through this may Your kingdom be multiplied. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen