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July 28th, 2024 10th 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 Nicodemus.**
- **August 21st Fellowship Breakfast, 10 am at the Dutch House. All are welcome.**

Opening Prayer:

Lord, we come into Your presence this morning with the busy schedules of summer activities crowding our lives. Our souls need to be fed and yet we seem powerless to find nurture and feeding that will sustain us. Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts this day to hear Your words of hope and healing for us. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158

Call to Worship:

(Solo - Verse 1 of Spirit Song)

L: Let your hearts be open to the Lord today.

P: Let our spirits be ready to feel God's power and love.

L: Let go of all the things that bind you in pain and sorrow.

P: Help us to place our trust in God.

(Congregation: sing verse 2 of "Spirit Song" #347)

L: Come, let us praise the God of love.

P: Let us bring our hearts to God. AMEN.

(Refrain of Spirit Song #347)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music: "Potter's Hand" Steve Burbick

Offertory:

***Doxology #95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before You with humble hearts, recognizing Your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek Your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen.

Children's Message by Gabrielle Burbick

***Hymn of Preparation: "O How I Love Jesus" #170**

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21

Gloria Patri #70

Message: "With So Little, much is Done" Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "Victory in Jesus" #370**

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

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

Heavenly Father,

We come together today to worship and praise Your name, because You are our God, and we are Your people.

You have brought to us sunshine and rain, joy and sadness, comfort and uncertainty. Through it all You have brought to us peace, when we acknowledge that You are in control, and You know what is best for us.

Thank You for being with those who need healing. Thank You for being with George and allowing him to find some relief from his pain. We ask that You continue to be with him and his doctors, so that the true cause of the pain is found and with Your wisdom the treatment that is needed to bring him healing. Thank You for being with Karen in bringing her some relief from her pains, the true cause of her pain still needs to be found also, so we ask that You guide her and her doctors with Your wisdom so that they come to know what You know and Your healing is brought to her with Your hand or with those You choose to be Your instruments this side of heaven.

Thank You for continuing to be with Judy Stouffer and Beverly Warren, we know dear Lord that it has been Your hand of healing that has allowed them to get back on their feet. We ask that You continue to extend Your healing hand upon them, so they can continue to be witnesses for You, bringing to You all the glory and honor.

We ask that You continue to be with Lloyd Briggs and bring to him Your healing touch. And bring to his caregivers Your wisdom, allowing them to give him the care that You would have them give.

We join Robert in praying for his friend Shawn who is dealing with struggles that have him in a dark place. We know that You are the Light that can come alongside him and bring him out of the dark place his struggles have taken him. Allow him to feel Your love so that he finds the worth You see in him so that he can get back up on his feet again. All for Your glory.

There are others in our church family that continue to need Your healing touch, and Your guidance each day. So we lift them to you also. May they feel Your presence through a feeling of peace in their hearts and minds. Some will be receiving tests, and/or procedures this week so we ask that You come alongside them, allowing them to have no fear, but instead the strength and courage needed to get through it. Giving You all the glory and honor, when all is done.

We praise You for the church family You have given to us. Always being there for each other when there is a need. Continue to guide us by placing the needs of others in our hearts. And place in those who are in need the confidence in You and their church family to ask for help. All for Your glory.

Our world is suffering in many ways. I know that when You look down on us, You have tears in Your eyes. We ask that You raise Your people to step into positions of authority, whether it be through the government, through Your Church, or just a lay leader in their community and home. Those that You choose to spread Your righteousness upon the land You have given us, give to Your Holy Spirit to guide, and the strength and courage to withstand any opposition that they may face. All for Your glory and honor. We pray all this in Jesus' name, Amen.