 Grace St. Paul’s United Methodist Church

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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9th Sunday After Pentecost August 7, 2022

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

 **And also with you!**

\*OPENING PRAISE **“As the Deer”**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

**People: As the deer panteth for the water, so our souls pant for you, O God.**

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

**People: Our eyes look to you alone, O Lord, and in you alone we are made secure.**

Leader: For what do we have in heaven but you? Earth has nothing we desire besides you.

**People: You who stretched out the heavens to reside in, have drawn us into your presence.**

**Both: We will forever exalt your name, O Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF PETITION (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that we may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON *John 12:20-26*

 Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

 **People: Thanks be to God**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

 Offertory/Moment of Reflection

 \*Doxology

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

EPISTLE LESSON *Colossians 3:1-4*

SERMON *Life in Christ: Part 1*

 *Heavenly Minded.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle’s Creed*

\*CLOSING HYMN **“Jesus Calls Us”**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (v.1)”** No.664