** Grace St. Paul’s United Methodist Church**

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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8th Sunday After Pentecost July 31, 2022

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

 **And also with you!**

\*OPENING HYMN **“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”** (v.1-4)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To you we lift our eyes, O Lord, you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**People: As the eyes of servants look to their master, so we too shall look to the Lord our God.**

Leader: For His love endures forever, and He has promised mercy to His people.

**People: A broken and contrite heart the Lord will not despise.**

Leader: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.

**People: The Lord takes delight in his people; He crowns the humble with victory.**

**Both: Let us humble ourselves under God’s mighty hand, that He might lift us up. Amen.**

PRAYER OF PETITION

**O God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the cornerstone. Save then, the community of your people from cowardly surrender to the world, from rendering to Caesar what belongs to you and from forgetting the eternal gospel amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days. Correct and purify your Church, O Lord, and keep us from deception. By your Spirit strengthen us in the Truth, that we may grow in our faith and be faithful witnesses of you. Grant us a spirit of discernment, that we may cling to your Word and be built up together in love, wisdom, charity, and power for your name’s sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 53:10-12*

GOSPEL LESSON *John 15:1-11*

 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

CHOIR PRESENTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION **“Be Thou My Vision”**

EPISTLE LESSON *Colossians 2:4-17*

SERMON *Distracting from the Gospel: Week 3*

 *Faith, Humility, & Perversions of Truth*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

 *To conclude with the Lord’s Prayer*

\*CLOSING PRAISE **“We Will Glorify The King of Kings”**

\*BENEDICTION

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