

Woodbury United Methodist Church

September 6, 2020
14th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Here in The Place
Christopher Shay, keyboard

David Hass

GREETING

Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Romans 13, Matthew 18
from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*

Have you heard the good news?

Christ calls us to be people of light.

Have you felt the good news?

Christ offers us God's love and grace.

Have you lived the good news?

Christ lives in us when we gather in his name.

Come! Let us worship the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Hymns sung by Carolyn Shay

Schutz

ACT OF CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Rev. Thomason

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

led by Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

led by JoAnn Behlman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lessons for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

read by JoAnn Behlman

Romans 13:8-14
Love for One Another

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

from *At the Lord's Table*

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Sovereign of the universe. You loved the world so much that you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. He suffered and died for the sin of the world. You raised him from the dead that we, too, might have new life. He ascended to be with you in glory and, according to his promise, is with us always.

On the night he offered himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we ask to you accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer in union with Christ's offering for us, as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the wine we may know the presence of the living Christ; be one body in him, cleansed by his blood; faithfully serve him in the world; and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

from *At the Lord's Table*

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Gladden/Smith

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE

You're Holding My Hand

Joel Hayden