

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Meditation on “Slane”

Andrew Sutherland

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(responsively)*

Come let us worship the Lord!

The God who sends the rain and who raises up the sun greets you this day! **This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord watches over the crops and the lands. The Lord watches over us. **Our God satisfies us with good things all our days so that we may grow and produce the fruit of the spirit.**

Come let us worship the Lord!

Let us worship God our provider and strength!

SALUTATION

\*+HYMN OF PRAISE 19 For the Beauty of the Earth  
Tune: DIX

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**God of justice and love,**

**we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered  
food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted.**

**We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame.**

**We have turned away from you and our community,  
pursuing instead our own self-interests.**

**Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help.**

**Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden  
freshly watered. Amen.**

-from Feasting on the Word

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*HYMN 749 Spirit of the Living God  
Tune: IVERSON

CHILDREN’S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Growing Up Together: Freedom”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (*responsively*)

We believe

**in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

We believe

**that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;  
have one God and father, are filled with one Spirit,  
are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord,  
work for one cause and share one hope.**

We believe

**that the true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.**

—adapted from the Belhar Confession

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Fruit of the Spirit Words and Music by Pepper Choplin In the winter of our sin,

we stood like a barren tree,  
chilled by our selfishness,  
frozen by immorality.  
Cold in our strife and envy,  
barren in our hatred.  
But all who belong to Christ Jesus  
have crucified the sinfulness  
and will live in the Spirit,  
walk in the Spirit,  
like the spring the Spirit will bring new life,  
new flowers, and the Spirit will flow  
through us to bring good fruit.

Love and kindness, love,  
the Spirit brings us the love from the Lord.  
Joy of the Lord,  
rejoice in the holy joy of the Lord.  
Peace, bring peace and patience,  
self-control, peace and patience to the soul,  
fill the soul with holy peace, give us peace.  
Goodness and faithfulness, give us goodness.

Give us goodness and faith. Give us faithfulness.  
From the Lord, the Spirit will flow through us  
to bring good fruit. Come, Spirit, bring good fruit.  
—based on Galatians 5:22-25

\*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 938 My Friends, May You Grow in Peace  
Tune: BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE Maestoso in A major Peter Piel

+Latecomers will be seated. \*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Trina Lichtenwalner, liturgists; David VanDuinen, prayer for illumination; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

## Today

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel are given in loving memory of the lives of Roger, Evelyn and Tommy Rietberg by their family.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jim VanderMeer, Lynne Bonnette, Willis Weymon

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Willis and Ella Weymon will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

**EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL):** Les invitamos a las 11:15 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO** (SPANISH GATHERING) We invite you to join us at 11:15 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you!*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Kamerkoor

11:15 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry/El Encuentro

### Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

### Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

## Congregational News

*Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.*

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Jeff and Gretchen Munroe on the death of Jeff's father, Lynn Munroe, on August 13 in Novi, Michigan.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Sue Pettinga. Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, A.E. Lacy, Mary Heideman.. Missionaries-John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia) Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN AUGUST: For the month of August, we will have one English service at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, followed by our El Encuentro Spanish language service at 11:15. Zoom worship will continue for the 10:00 a.m. service. We look forward to seeing you all at one or both of these services! Our 8:00 a.m. service will resume on September 11.

THE MICRO PANTRY: Thank you so much for your continued support of the Micro-Pantry. The following is the current list of needs: canned chicken, diced tomatoes, canned fruit, rice, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo.

LADIES: Women's Ministries is getting ready for a new season of Bible Study and would like to invite you, your friends, and neighbors to join us. Along with your Bible we will use Carol Bechtel's new booklet "Celebrating Sabbath." Books will be available in the Gathering Place today. We have several groups meeting once a month at different times: second Monday at 1:30; third Monday at 7:00 p.m.; two groups meet on the second Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.; second Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.; second Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. There is also a weekly Bible Study on Zoom that meets at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. If none of these times is convenient for you, we can help you form a group that suits your needs. Please contact Kathy Van Tubbergen, [kvt\\_art@icloud.com](mailto:kvt_art@icloud.com).

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Study books are available in the Gathering Place today. See Linda Fulton to pick up your copy.

BACKYARD BASH: We'll have exciting favorite activities, and some new ones also! Want to be involved? Sign up in the Gathering Place or by calling the church office. **We need you!**



**September 7, 2022**  
**5:30 - 7:30 PM**