# July 21, 2024 11:00am Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Reverend Carroll Fitzgerald

#### **PRELUDE**

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"

Mason

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# \*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

## \*INTROIT #179

SEE SCREEN

"Awesome God" (Chorus)

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into the presence of the Most High God

People: with songs of praise and shouts of

thanksgiving.

Leader: For our Savior frees us from slavery;

People: Our Savior heals our diseases;

Leader: our Savior is our peace.

All: Come, let us worship God.

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

(ALL)

O God of promise, who in Christ assembled the alienated and the excluded into the folds of your compassion, we give you praise for your redeeming grace. You break down dividing walls of hostility and fill us with your Spirit of reconciling love. You set our feet firmly on the foundation of your goodness and impart to us wisdom that enlightens our days. You are God, who indeed promises new life to all. Amen.

# \*OPENING HYMN #391

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

# **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sins.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls.

Silent Prayer...a time for personal reflection and confession

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our salvation. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

# \*THE GLORIA PATRI #812

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the scriptures we read and the words that we hear, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23: 1-4

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Mark 6: 30-34

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**SERMON** 

"Jesus, Our Shepherd"

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

back of hymnal

"The Apostles Creed"

\*HYMN #688

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641

# PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

"He" Richards

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERING PRAYER

### \*CLOSING HYMN #788

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

# \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen, Amen"

Spiritual, Hairston

### \*POSTLUDE

"The Power and the Glory"

Smith

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand, if you are able.