

POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Topeka, Kansas

Sunday November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: green

PRELUDE

CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name!

Unison: Make known God's deeds among the nations! Proclaim the greatness of God's name!

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord! Shout aloud and sing for joy! Let God's light shine from your heart!

Unison: Let us praise God's Holy Name forever!

***INVOCATION/OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Oh God of Wonder,

You bring joy from sorrow and life from suffering. Every heart beats a praise to you—each heartbeat is a thanksgiving!

You hold us when days are hard. You make us grateful when days are easy. You help us find the light when it is dark. To you we give thanks, now and forever.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** "Now Thank We All Our God" (#555 Blue Hymnal)

Praise, Prayers, and Petitions

SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION:

CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Holy Creator,

Just as your creating Word brought forth the natural order and all that is in it, so you promise to create a new heaven and a new earth, free from injustice, oppression, and darkness. Yet we live in despair, as though sin and war and death were the final words. In mercy forgive us for doubting the good news.

Transform us by your Spirit so that we would witness ceaselessly, certain as to the triumph of your grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the Lord and Savior of all, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: As God has forgiven us so let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

Unison: And also with you!

Leader: Please share the love and peace of Christ with each other as you feel comfortable.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Sanctuary”

Potwin Bells

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(pg 16 in the Hymnal, Traditional version)

***Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #577**

The Word:

PASTORAL PRAYER

Illumination (Sung x2)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:3-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 5:14-16 & John 1:1-5

MESSAGE: “Let There Be Light”

Pastor Sue Ann Seel

MEDITATION ON THE MESSAGE:

Gwen Jones

Response to the Word

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:

Gwen Jones

DOXOLOGY:

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” (#592 Blue Hymnal)

***OFFERING RESPONSE: Blessed be God forever.**

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Arise, Your Light is Come!”

(#411 Blue Hymnal)

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me