

# Seeking, Sharing, Serving



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The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith Pastor October 11, 2020 10:30 AM

#### **GREETING**

#### **CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The world fashions many idols.

P: There is but one Lord of heaven and earth.

L: Many are called . . .

P: but few are chosen.

L: Let those whom God has called be sanctified and made ready to worship.

P: We lift our hearts to God, in love, devotion, and joy.

L: Let us worship God!

**HYMN** "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, no sooner did you give your law to Moses than Israel engaged in idol worship. No sooner do you forgive us than we return to the destructive habits of sin, mold our treasures into golden calves, and codify our talents into lifeless routines. Forgive us, we pray, for we know you are a forgiving God, having forgiven the sins of previous generations. Preserve us and reform us for willing and faithful obedience, that the world may know us by our love for and our obedience to you, in the name of Jesus, our high priest and mediator. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

L: The beauty of forgiveness lies in its power to set us free. True freedom comes not from within us; it is a gift from God in Christ Jesus, who alone has the power to condemn but who steadfastly chooses to love us instead.

P: Let us resolve to learn the paths of righteousness in which our divine Shepherd leads us. It is by walking these paths and following Christ's lead that we find true freedom.

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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.

ANTHEM There was Jesus Steph McLeod

NT LESSON John 18:12-14, 19-24

SERMON The Unholy Marriage of Faith, Power, & Money

The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

HYMN Jesus is Mine Sovereign Grace Music

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

# **PRAYERS**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Linda Kincheloe

Kay Mader

Martha Wilkerson

Nita Wimer

**Earl Flower** 

**Amanda Harris** 

The Dull Family

## **SHUT-INS**

**Brannock Easley** 

**Tim Clemmer** 

Earl & Jean Flower - Legacy

# **BIRTHDAYS**

- 13 Ruth Grover
- 14 Olen Swisher
- 15 Ryan Hippeard
- 18 Michael "Pickle" Nuckols

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

11 Melissa & Harry Dice

### IN THE MILITARY

Cole A Smiley, Army - Grandson of Nita & Woodie Wimer Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky