

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PUBLIC WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
Reverend Lance Ness

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children up to 9 years old
*All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" – Dale Wood
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God's Word and for God's glory.

SEPTEMBER MISSION: Collecting items for the residents in the Memory Unit at Berlin Nursing Home.

INTROIT: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

I called to God: Lord, save my life!

God has delivered my soul from death.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN: #466 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Moment of Silence)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/**People**)

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, and makes righteous those who stumble and fall.

Today our sins are forgiven and we have been made right with God, a loving, gracious and merciful Lord. Amen

*SONG OF PRAISE: *You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a (Pew Bible Page 681)

Liturgist

God has given me the tongue of a teacher, to sustain the weary

ANTHEM: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:1-12 (Pew Bible Page 230)

Liturgist

Words have the power to bless and curse; use them wisely

SERMON: "Watch Your Mouth"

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*HYMN: #335 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) "Though I May Speak"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" (Traditional) inside back cover of Hymnals

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*SONG OF DEDICATION: "Doxology"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

* OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

There is only one God from whom all things come and for whom we live. Dear God, we ask that you accept these offerings and use them, and use us, in service to our church, our community and your world. Amen

THE SENDING

*HYMN: #467 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) "How Great Thou Art"

*CHARGE and BLESSING

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*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE: *Choral Postlude* – arr. Roger C. Wilson

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis

*Ephesians 4:29 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)
Let no evil talk come out of your mouths,
but only what is useful for building up, as there is need,
so that your words may give grace to those who hear.*