

St. John's United Church
October 24th, 2021
22nd After Pentecost
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HYMN SING

**GREETINGS, WELCOMING NEWCOMERS,
ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER CONCERNS AND
CELEBRATIONS**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Before, I knew you only by hearsay but now, having seen you with my own eyes, I retract what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God, when others cry out, help us to stand still, listen and not turn them away. When we cry out to you, please help us to listen then, too, and rejoice in the answers you give. Amen

HYMN # 213 Rejoice, the Lord is King

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This Week: October 24th, 2021

Greeter: Joyce Drapaka & Sonja Stryski

Scripture: Sonja Stryski

Fellowship: Bev Cameron & Helene Severyn

Next Week: October 31st, 2021

Greeter: Judy Marsh & Patsy Bezaire

Scripture: Michelle Green

Fellowship: Michelle Green & Gerri Abraham

Communion: Kevin & Susan Smith & Patsy Bezaire

HYMN # 330 Jesus Shall Reign

BENEDICTION

One: Holy and eternal God, out of the storms of the world we came into this quiet place to worship you our abiding Refuge.

Many: Thanks be unto you for silence which unfolds strength and for tranquility leading us to things deep and true.

One: Meet with us here in the inner place of our spirits and refresh us with your living presence.

All: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RECESSIONAL # 649 Walk With Me (vs. 1)

Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

When Moses heard the call of God he said, “Lord, don’t send me.” But God told Moses, “You’re the one to set my people free.”

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THE PASSING OF PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in the love of God.

CHILDREN’S STORY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Though we desire to follow in the ways of Jesus, too often we are held back and weighed down...

Many: by words and actions that have harmed us...

One: by regrets for things we have said or done or thought...

Many: by systems that work against us and others...

One: by truths we would rather not see.

Many: Take Heart! God calls us to see ourselves and others with new eyes.

One: Throw off brokenness and rise to life made new.

Many: Throw off regret and rise to freedom.

One: Throw off oppression and rise to action.

Many: Throw off your blinders and see again.

Amen

(Please stand)

All: Almighty God, do not remain silent. Do not be unmoved or unresponsive to our needs: hear our prayer and answer it.

One: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER RESPONSE M.V. # 79

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

PARDON AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Creator and Saviour God: Giver and Renewer of Life:
We give You thanks for Your grace and mercy by which
the burden of sin and guilt has been lifted from us.
Blessed are you, God, most Holy, now and forever. Amen**

CHORAL RESPONSE # 92 M.V. (vs. 1)

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet. Like the starry night sky God is over our head. Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before. Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

HYMN # 371 Open My Eyes

RESPONSIVE READING Ps. # 34 Pg. 761

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen**

HYMN # 299 Teach Me God to Wonder

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER # 959

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN # 581 vs. 2 Dedication

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good
works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or
when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 42:1-8 Pg. 536

Hebrews 7:23-28 Pg. 280, 281

Mark 10:46-52 Pg. 61

SERMON

