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November 21, 2021 // Service of Thanksgiving and Praise
Reign of Christ Sunday

** Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Faith comes, not when we *accept* Christ, but as God in Christ *accepts us* and we receive that acceptance. In other words, faith comes to you in the same way that life comes to you—as a gift. You do nothing to earn that life nor do you do anything to earn the abundant, eternal life. You simply receive it. You live it.

Faith is like that.

~William H. Willimon

LIFE AT FIRST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Hebrews 10:23-25

One: Let us hold on tightly to our confession of hope without being diverted;

All: the one who announced the message to us is trustworthy!

One: Let us, as well, stir up one another's minds to energetic effort in love and good works.

All: We do not neglect meeting together; instead we encourage one another.

One: Let us follow the Light of Christ, who leads us with steadfast love each day into the life that lies ahead.

HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you:

All: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever.

One: Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you,

All: grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(silent prayer)

One: On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory through Jesus Christ in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

ANTHEM *Give Thanks* arr. R. Halquist

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25

SERMON *The End: Another Beginning* Rev. Linda Male

HYMN #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE with the Lord's Prayer

***LITANY OF OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: The boundary lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; we have a goodly heritage.

One: We give thanks for healings and for comfort in loss.

All: We give thanks for food, clothing, and shelter.

One: We give thanks for the beauty of the earth, the beauty of family, and the beauty of friends.

All: We give thanks for Jesus Christ, who through the work of the Holy Spirit, draws us together in bonds that cannot be broken; whose everlasting love brings us into community with God and others.

One: O give thanks to God for dealing kindly with this congregation, for providing the resources needed for ministry in this place.

All: We give thanks and praise with our lives, our hearts' love, our talents, our time, and our treasures. We dedicate these pledges and all they represent for the service of Christ in this world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

#645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***BENEDICTION**

Worship Leaders: Rev. Linda Male, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Emily Grabinski Conklin, Doug Smith, Chuck Norris, FPC Choir

Thanks to those who run sound and cameras,
serve as ushers, and set up for worship.