

Worship Service ~ September 4, 2022, 10:30

13th Sunday of Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Jan Walker
in memory of loved ones.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

OPENING SONGS

*Come Now is the Time to Worship
Build My Life*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We bless the name of God, who seeks out the lost, who names us beloved, who restores us with great love. Amen.

L: Faithful God,

C: We are here to admit our brokenness and fear. We get rattled and lose track of what's true. We focus on the imperfections of others. We pledge our allegiance to unworthy things. We have failed to embody your goodness. Forgive us, God. Be merciful.

L: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent Jesus to bridge the gap and extend a word of forgiveness beyond all of our shame and sin. Everything we hide and hate is God's to destroy through Jesus. We are free, and now we are called to live and love like we are free. Breathe a sigh of relief and joy, friends. God is already revealing heaven in your newness of life.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Direct us, O Lord God,

C: in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A Gospel reading from the 14th chapter of Luke.

Luke 14:25-33 *The Message Translation*

²⁵⁻²⁷ One day when large groups of people were walking along with him, Jesus turned and told them, "Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one's own self!—can't be my disciple. Anyone who won't shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can't be my disciple.

²⁸⁻³⁰ "Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you're going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: 'He started something he couldn't finish.'

³¹⁻³² "Or can you imagine a king going into battle against another king without first deciding whether it is possible with his ten thousand troops to face the twenty thousand troops of the other? And if he decides he can't, won't he send an emissary and work out a truce?

³³ "Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

MUSICAL OFFERING "This is the Kingdom" Worship Band

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God of abundance,

C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Send Me Out*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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