

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 8, 2021 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost
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* Not available in the pre-recorded service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 18 & 19 – Mission InSite Training for church leadership will be offered at 1pm Aug 18th and Aug 19th at 6:30pm. Current and future leaders are encouraged to attend one of the Zoom trainings or to watch the recording prior to the September 7th board meeting. Learn more at PennsValleyParish.info under Connect & Learn and All Classes & Courses or contact Pastor.

CENTERING WORDS Whoever comes to Christ will never hunger. Whoever believes in him will never thirst. Blessed be the bread of life and the living water.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us put away all things that divide us and love one another.

P: For we are members of one another

L: Come; let us not be divided from one another by gender, race, color, or status.

P: For we are members of one another.

L: Come; let us put away lies, anger, stealing, and corrupt words.

P: For we are members of one another.

L: Come; let us put away bitterness, wrath, clamor, and malice.

P: For we are members of one another.

L: Come; let us put away uncleanness, idolatry, and deception.

P: For we are members of one another.

L: Together let us speak truth, labor together, and do what is good and edifying to the Lord.

P: Let us be imitators of God, walk as the children of God, and love as Christ first loved us.

L: Come, let us be the people of God we are called to be.

P: For we are saints, God's chosen people, and members of one another. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Bread of life, you taught us to put away bitterness and anger, and with tenderhearted kindness to share the fruit of our labor with the needy. Strengthen us by your grace, that in communion with you, we may forgive one another and live in love as Christ loved us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN I Come with Joy United Methodist Hymnal #617

*BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Follow Jesus: Our Perfect Role Model

*JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 6:35, 41-51, Ephesians 4:25-5:2

MESSAGE Make Peace with Peacemaking

*CLOSING HYMN Let There Be Peace on Earth United Methodist Hymnal #431

COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Speaking Truth

Read: [Ephesians 4:25-5:2](#)

- In the age of information, misinformation, and disinformation, what might Paul be advising us today as those who put away falsehoods (v. 25)?
- How easy or hard is it for you to share a difficult or hard truth to someone else? Why is that the case for you?
- Of the admonitions that Paul gives in verses 26-32, which do you find to be the hardest? Why is that the case for you?
- How might all of these contribute to a community of believers that imitates God?
- How might the church be thought of differently by the community around the church if we were intentional about having the kind of community with attributes described in this passage?
- What might it look like for you to live more consciously of being an imitator of God?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Almighty God, you call us to a seemingly impossible way of life – to be imitators of you. As imperfectly as we might do so, empower us as individuals and as congregations toward embodying the beautiful community you call us to be so that others might be attracted by your love. Amen.

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