

We believe that the Church belongs to God and that it should stand where God stands: against injustice and with those who are wronged.

We commit ourselves to reject all forms of injustice in ourselves and amongst us; and to struggle against all forms of injustice and every teaching that allows injustices to flourish.

We are called to confess and to do all this in obedience to Jesus Christ, our only Lord, even if authorities or laws oppose this, even if punishment and suffering may be the consequence.

*Jesus is Lord! We will follow Him!
To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory for ever and ever.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,... debts/debtors...Amen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Freely you have received, freely give.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

***Doxology – 607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

To you, O God, we offer our lives — our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are — a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

— *Sending* —

***HYMN - #300** They'll know We Are Christians by Our Love

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory



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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



*22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 24, 2021
Service for the Lord's Day*

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Joshua Allen

WELCOME Rev. Michele Goff

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

We, of many backgrounds and identities, personalities, and ideas, gather collectively in shared pursuit of the Sacred.

Together, we make up the body of Christ.

Wherever one of us is in pain, our whole body aches.

Whenever one of us is cut off,

The whole body is wounded.

Whoever is kept away by discriminatory policies or practices or prejudices,

Our collective soul suffers the loss of their presence.

We need one another in order to be whole,

God make us the body of Christ as you envisioned.

May we become your presence enfleshed, in service to the world and one another.

***Prayer of the Day**

***Hymn #301** Let Us Build a House

Confession & Assurance *see insert*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:7-9 Bible p. 690

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM READING Psalm 126 Bible p. 541

Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52 Bible p. 44

Hear the word of God for us.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Teacher, Let Me See

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE - MICHELE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

— *Response* —

***HYMN – #769**

For Everyone Born

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Confession of Belbar

We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and nourishes the Church from the beginning of the world to the end.

The Church is holy; the Church is universal; it is the fellowship of God's children, called together from the whole of humanity to proclaim God's wonderful deeds.

We believe that the reconciling work of Christ gives birth to a uniting Church, because Church unity is a gift from God and a goal we need to strive for.

The unity of the Church must become visible so that the people around us can see how separation and hatred are overcome in Christ.

We believe that genuine faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership in this Christian church.

We praise God that race, class, gender, or culture does not determine who belongs to this Church.

We believe that God has entrusted to the Church the message of reconciliation; and that the Church is called to proclaim and embody this reconciliation; to be peacemakers;

and to believe and to witness that God conquers all powers of sin and death, of hate, bitterness and enmity, through his life-giving Word and Spirit.

We praise God that the gospel does not separate people on the basis of race, gender, class, or culture, but is the power of reconciliation in Christ.

We believe that God wants to bring about true justice and lasting peace on earth; we believe that God is, in a special sense, the God of the suffering, the poor and the downtrodden.

We praise God who gives justice to the oppressed and bread to the hungry; who sets captives free and makes the blind to see; who protects strangers, orphans, and widows and obstructs the plans of the wicked.