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Worship Service
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 8, 2021

9:30am - Live Stream Worship

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VA7BLdrUTfk>

10:30am - Knoebels Amusement Park

In-Person: Pavilion Tent #4

For those in-person at Knoebels, for the safety and comfort of all:

- ✓ For the worship service, please spread out by household units to create social distance.
 - ✓ Whether vaccinated or not, if over the age of 2, please wear a mask *while singing* and please wear a mask *when not able to be socially distant* at the pavilion.
 - ✓ If *not* vaccinated and over the age of 2, please wear a mask for worship and while at the pavilion.
 - ✓ If vaccinated, while socially distant and not singing, masks are optional (unless otherwise specified by the park).
 - ✓ Please follow the parks guidelines as they relate to masks, social distancing, and other safety guidelines.
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{Those who are able, please rise}

***GREETING** *(Leader)*

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

Leader: Friends, we join with one another to worship our Heavenly Father.

People: As one congregation we share in the experience of fellowship with Christ.

Leader: Let us open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit of you O LORD.

People: When we hear the Word of God, may God help us to listen and respond. Amen.

{Please wear a mask for singing}

***SONG** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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| (1) He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. | (4) He's got you and me brother in his hands.
He's got you and me sister in his hands.
He's got you and me brother in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. |
| (2) He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. | (5) He's got ev'rybody in his hands.
He's got ev'rybody in his hands.
He's got ev'rybody in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. |
| (3) He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. | |

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***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Leader*)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us,

People: but if we confess our sins and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, God who is merciful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and before one another....

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

Our Lord and our God, we humbly admit our imperfections. We have not lived by your word. We have done things which we should not have done, and we have not done things which we should have done. Help us, dear Lord, to follow when you call, to put your needs before our wants, and to trust you when the temptation, fear, and doubt are strongest. In Jesus Christ's name, our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Leader*)

Hear now the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: For God so loved the world that he gave us his only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life; whoever keeps Christ's word will never see death. In our true repentance of our sins, through the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, and by the grace of God, I announce and declare, by the authority and in the Name of Christ that our sins are forgiven, as is promised in the gospel; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

{Please be seated}

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON from 1 Kings 19:4-8

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Lector: Our Old Testament lesson for this morning is taken from 1 Kings 19:4-8....

Lector: ⁴ But [Elijah] himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

⁵ Then [Elijah] lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."

⁶ [Elijah] looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."

⁸ [Elijah] got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Lector: Thus ends the Old Testament lesson.

PSALTER: adapted from Psalm 34:1-8 (*Responsively*)

--- (NRSV)

Lector: Let us praise God with the Psalm....

Lector: I will bless the LORD at all times;

People: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Lector: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

People: let the humble hear and be glad.

Lector: O magnify the LORD with me,

People: and let us exalt his name together.

Lector: I sought the LORD,

People: and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Lector: Look to him, and be radiant;

People: so your faces shall never be ashamed.

Lector: This poor soul cried,

People: and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

Lector: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

People: and delivers them.

Lector: O taste and see that the LORD is good;

ALL: happy are those who take refuge in him.

Lector: Let us join in a responsive reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians....

Lector: So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors,

People: for we are members of one another.

Lector: Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

People: and do not make room for the devil.

Lector: Thieves must give up stealing;

People: rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

Lector: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths,

People: but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

Lector: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,

People: with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Lector: Put away from you

People: all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

Lector: and be kind to one another,

People: tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

Lector: Therefore be imitators of God,

People: as beloved children,

Lector: and live in love,

People: as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:35, 41-51 (*Leader*)

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Judeans began to complain about [Jesus] because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

MESSAGE

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please wear a mask for singing}

***SONG**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

1. We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored
(Chorus)

3. We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride
(Chorus)

Chorus:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love**

2. We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land
(Chorus)

4. All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to
Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to
The Spirit who makes us one
(Chorus)

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***PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray....

Leader: O God, all-powerful, true and incomparable, present in all things, yet limited by none, untouched by place, unaged by time, unhurried by he years, undeceived by words, not subject to birth, nor in need of protection: you are above all corruption, you are beyond all change, you are by nature immutable, living in light that none can approach, invisible, yet you make yourself known to me and you are found by all who seek you with their whole heart; you are the God of Israel and of all who hope in Christ.

Leader: You are our God.

ALL: We adore you.

***LORD’S PRAYER** (*Unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***COMMISSION & BLESSING** (adapted from Psalm 67) (*Responsively*)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

People: May God’s way be known upon earth, and God’s saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;

People: God, our God, has blessed us.

Leader: May God continue to bless us;

People: let all the ends of the earth revere God.

ALL: Amen.

{Please be seated}

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have Pavilion Tent #4 the whole day for your use and convenience. Due to COVID we are not serving food at the pavilion this year.

The ushers will be writing down names and contact information for contact tracing purposes. We are also taking attendance for reserving the pavilion for next year.

There will NOT be an offering during the worship service; however, if you brought an offering, you may place it in the basket.

Youth Group - grades 5-12 -- 2nd & Last Thursday from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Summer Worship (Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend): 9:30 a.m.

Regular Worship & Sunday School schedule resumes - Sunday, September 12

Sunday School & Classes for All Ages at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Blessing of School Backpacks - Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m.

“Stay-Near-Home Mission Trip” - Saturday, September 18

Rain Date: Saturday, September 25

Ketchup/Catchup Sunday Free Luncheon - Sunday, September 19 - following Worship

Submit your summer vacation photos

Usher & Greeter Training - Sunday, August 29 - following Worship

Make up date - Sunday, September 12 - following worship

We plan to have an updated COVID safety plan beginning in September

Next Year: Knoebels Amusement Park - Sunday, August 14, 2022