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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires: we have forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors; we have neglected our communion with you, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness. In a world of plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures. Free us from such bondage, that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Colossians 3)

In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God, seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ. God surely answers our prayers. In the name of Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.¹**

SONG – ELW 800, “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Open the eyes of my heart, O God, that I might be held by the hope to which you have called me. In the name of +Jesus, **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

MESSAGE

SONG – ELW 879, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION

BLESSING

¹ Worship Elements: July 31, 2022.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4033/worship-elements-july-31-2022>. J. Wayne Pratt.



SONG – ELW 798, “Will You Come and Follow Me”

SENDING

May the love of Jesus Christ bring us wholeness, the grace of God the Father grant us peace, the breath of Holy Spirit instill passion and the unity between them give us strength for this and every day. **Amen**