

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Theme: The Stewardship of Potential: Yeast



"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Matthew 13:33

GATHERING

Prelude: "Hope in God" James Southbridge
"Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God." Ps. 42:5

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

***Call to Worship** Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The LORD is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that GOD has made.

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: The LORD is just in every way; the LORD is kind in all his doings.

People: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call out in truth.

Leader: The LORD fulfills the desire of all who fear him, watching over all who love him. God hears their cry and saves them.

People: So shall our mouths speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.

*Hymn: #385 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you

know and are known in each of our beginnings, in all sustenance, in every redemption, that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries you entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. AMEN

Litany of Confession and Reconciliation:

Leader: Deep within, we know how we have failed always to be and gather as God's people. In ways we've been offended or not listened to, we let our hearts become hardened, closed to one another and often enough to the love of Christ.

People: God looks at us, to see if we are wise enough to offer confession, to receive forgiveness, to seek to know the healing love of Christ, and claim our spot among God's people.

Leader: Let us prove our wisdom, and set aside our foolish pride, as we pray together, **"Our Father, who art in heaven. . .(using debts and debtors). . .AMEN**

Sung Response: #436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" (*verse 3*)
"How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us, you who the stars in their courses are guiding? What shall we fear, with your owner to protect us, we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?"

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5 and Matthew 13:33

Sermon: **"Leaven It Up"** (God's Vision of Outrageous Abundance)

Hymn: #771 "What Is the World Like" (Tune: "Be Thou My Vision")
(see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of

God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us. **O God, we know You love it when the giver delights in the giving.” Together we pray: God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. AMEN**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

All Worshipers

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #498 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” (see download)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: God of every generation, pour out your rich blessings on our parched souls. Feed us with the Yeast of Heaven's Bread so that we may be nourished by your gentleness and power.

People: As dough is kneaded, shape us as your people. Restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet.

Leader: Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we go forth recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ.

People: We will be the yeast needed for our families, our neighbors, our communities and our world. Thanks be to God. AMEN

Postlude

“Postlude for Full Organ”

S.H. Stark

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Forrest Boas

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