Opening Prayer

Lord of the Harvest, we give you great thanks for all the work that has been done to make our lives possible. For those who work the fields of the earth to provide us with food, for those who work in factories to provide us with clothes and so many other necessities, we give you thanks. For those whose work enables us to think deeply, act justly, and worship truly, we lift our prayers. For all who work with their hands, their minds, we ask Holy Spirit, that you would imbue them with a sense of meaning and purpose, recognizing that all work, done faithfully, is done for the glory of God. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs

"Here I Am To Worship" #22

"Better is One Day" #27

Passing the Peace of Christ

"The Peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

Children's Time

Scriptures

Larry Evans

Psalm 139:1-6 (NIV)

You have searched me, Lord,

and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;

you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;

you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue

you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before,

and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

too lofty for me to attain.

Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "The Cost of Discipleship" Pastor Peter Choi Hymn with Bell Choir UMH#557

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Joys and Concerns

<u>Prayer List:</u> Lyra Johnson, Gary Smidt, Larry Anderson, Lori Conyer's Father, and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Emily Cohen, Chloe Choi, Colton Greving, Lori Loseke, Lori Conyers, Michael Swartz, Bill Hunter and Aleda Younkin.

Happy Anniversary to Dudley & Michelle Scharff—28 years.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Music

"Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music "All For Jesus" by Lena Choi

Closing Hymn "Because He Lives"

Benediction

Let the joy and love of the Lord flood into your hearts and lives today. Let this day of discipleship be a day of celebration as you go into the world to serve God. Go forth in peace and joy in all that you do. AMEN.

Sending Forth



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Order of Worship 10:00 a.m. September 4, 2022 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

- 1. We would love more bell choir members. If you want to be a part of the bell choir, please get in touch with the church office or Mike Boudreau. We will post on facebook when the next practice will be.
- 2. Children's school is every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. We need volunteers for snacks please write your name when we pass the volunteer sheet.
- 3. There will be a youth gathering this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. If you also want to support dinner for the youth, don't hesitate to get in touch with the church office or Larry Evans.
- 4. The volunteer sheets are on the bulletin board in the west hallway. Please write your names on the sheet if you want to be involved in the church ministry.
- 5. The deadline for the church conference will be Oct 3. Please prepare all paper works before the date.
- 6. Newsletter is in the back if you would like one.
- 7. Join us for refreshments following worship.
- 8. Last week we received offerings of \$1,485. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

P: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

L: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

P: And I will give you rest."

L: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

P: Let us worship God this day!