Date: October 15, 2023 Season of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Preparation

I picture Jesus at supper with anyone he finds; with the bad and the good alike. I ask myself which I am: Good or Bad. And which should I be? Yet he dines with all alike. Bad and Good. And he draws them to himself. May this happen to me too. Amen.

Gathering in the Presence of God

*Please stand as able, in body or in spirit

Gathering Music Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child Spiritual

Welcome

*Call to Worship (responsively)

Liturgist

You have been invited to a special feast.

We need more details, for our schedules are very busy.

This is celebration of commitment between God and God's people.

Maybe next time, we have other plans. What is God going to do if we don't come?

Your response is noted. There are many others who would be delighted to come, even on a last-minute notice. God looks forward to greeting them and celebrating with them.

Will we get a second chance? God forgive us for placing our schedules and other plans before coming to your celebration. Amen

*Hymn

God is Calling through the Whisper

GTG 410

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

You would call us to your feast, Inviting God, but our busy lives keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us. You would make your gentleness

known through us, but we lash out in anger and fear towards others. Forgive us, God of all hope, and remember your Servant, Jesus Christ. In him, we can live in your way. Through him, we can learn the dreams you have for us. With him, we can open our arms and embrace all the people we meet. Amen.

*Assurance of

Iesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Forgiveness

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You. Let the world around me fade away. Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You. For I desire to worship and obey.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

What the World Needs Now is Love

David/Bacharach

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:1-14

Liturgist

Source: The Good News Bible

Reflection

Anthem

Both: Good and Bad

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

I Believe in Jesus

Marc Nelson

Joys and Hopes of the People of God

Offertory

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (vs 1,3,4)

GTG 770

The Act of Gratitude

^{*}Passing the Peace of Christ

* Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Liturgist

God of Peace, we are confronted with so many overwhelming needs in our world. Walk with us as we set aside our own desires and wants and join the call to alleviate human suffering. Transform these financial gifts into genuine acts of concern and ministry to others. In the name of the One who surpasses all understanding, we pray. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand

GTG 834

Benediction

Postlude Faith, Hope, Love David Libby

Next Week's Liturgist: Marylea Franz

The alter flowers are given in loving memory of Caralyn Jayne Burton by Curt and Lois Anne Rayner and Pam and Jake Burton.

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Nancy Brock

Ushers: Diana Green and Nancy Tompkins

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento The Westminster Choir A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 @ 9:00-9:45am – AED Training. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for this very important training session which lasts about 45 minutes. Everyone is invited to learn how to feel comfortable with and use our AED equipment. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – NOVEMBER 8 @ 10am - Adult Ed Bible Study returns with Alan Keohane's "Picturing Scripture", an engaging online Bible Study.

Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Paul's Early Letters (Acts 13v1 – 28-31)

Nov. 1 & 8 – Paul's 2nd Mission Letters (Thessalonians and Galatians) Please join us for these interesting and thought-provoking sessions via Zoom. The link is accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC's website.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 @ **10am – SUNDAY SERVICE with Fellowship.** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

OCTOBER 1-22 - Clothing Drive for Residents of the Springboard Pallet Village. WPC is partnering with Coolspring and other local organizations to provide the Springboard Pallet residents with Hoodies and Magic Gloves. Sign-up sheet in the narthex and/or Fellowship Hall.

Reminder:

It's not too late to pay your PER CAPITA

\$30 per member

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Surgery and Post-Surgery:

Dee Austin
Mable Granke
Trish Hill (Project Manager, Springboard Pallet Village)
Frank Skopupsky
Don Smith
John Witt
Lesley Yingling (Adele Trout's daughter)

Illness:

Rob Book (Linda Book's son)
Beth Gilbert (Betty Jean Schwarz's friend)
Sebastian (Terry Eros' step-grandson)

Grief/Mourning:

Marian Louise (Dee) Webster Moore