

07/19/2020  
Sunday: Proper 11, Year A

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Let us worship God!

### PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**Gracious God, you have searched us and known us. You, indeed, discern our thoughts from afar. You lead us in the way everlasting as we gather to bless you for your bountiful mercy, for the compassion and care you extend to us. You surround us with a mantle that protects us from danger; our breastplate is your righteousness fulfilled in Christ Jesus. You are our shield and defender, our hope and our comfort. We give you all praise as we assemble in Christ's name. Amen.**

HYMN: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (367)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**We confess, O God, that our lives are a mixture of weeds and good seeds. The weeds choke us and limit our will to respond. We admire the good seeds and want to nourish them. When the harvest comes, we know that the good seed will be kept and all else will be judged unfit for your realm. Christ have mercy upon us as we learn of your will. Give us guidance and determination as we obey your command. Forgive our misplaced allegiance when we settle for weeds. May we broadcast the landscape with the good seed of your Word. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Paul writes of our assurance when he says: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pain until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved." Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

## GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: What If?

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: God of the Fertile Fields (714)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness, and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

**MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

HYMN: In Christ There Is No East or West (318)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE