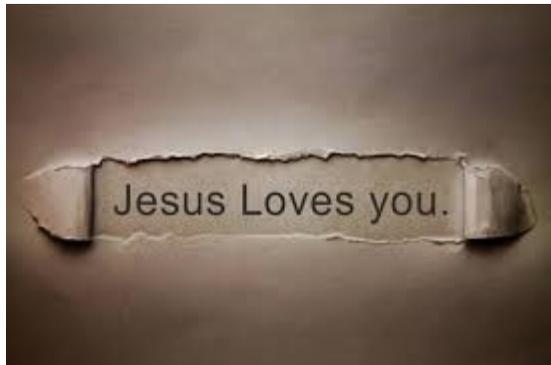




The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is always the Sunday of the Reign of Christ or Christ the King. The season also includes All Saints and Thanksgiving.



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
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WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Mary Hurley
Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to God Most High; to declare God's steadfast love in the morning and God's faithfulness at nighttime.
People: Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish; no matter their age, they bear fruit and remain lush and fresh, proclaiming; The Lord is righteous! God is my rock!

***UNISON INVOCATION**
God, Sower of seeds, be at work among us, we pray, that your church may thrive in faithfulness. Whether we are the size of a tall cedar or are a small sprig, it does not matter. You are able to put us to good use. Not by our efforts, but by your power and grace we bear fruit, produce boughs of spacious welcome. You can make even a dry tree flourish! Even we can become a new creation! Urge us on, then, in the love of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Christ, For the World We Sing" (1,2,3)

MORNING PRAYER
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Mary

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Katie Maurer
"The Power of Your Love"
(Bullock)

SCRIPTURE READING (NRSV)
II Corinthians 5: 14-17
Mark 3: 20-35

SERMON Pastor Mary
"Urged on By Love"

HYMN Katie Maurer
"Because of Your Love"

WORDS FOR OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)**
Life-giving God, we know that you will accomplish everything you purpose. Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands. May they contribute to what you are doing so that life may flourish. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Blessed Assurance" (all verses)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

(*) All who are able should please stand when noted.