

# “A Few Answers To A Few Questions”



Eleventh Sunday After  
Pentecost

August 8, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Mary Hurley, Pastor  
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Kim Armstrong, Youth Director  
**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME Pastor Mary Hurley

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

\*OPENING HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" (#302, vs 1, 2, 5)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wait for God, who deals gently with us. Watch for God's appearance among us.

**People: Out of the depths we cry out to God. Will God hear the voice of our supplications?**

Leader: In all times and places, we can rely on God. We can know steadfast love, here and now.

**People: We keep our morning watch together. We will support one another as we seek to know God.**

Leader: Find hope in God's power to redeem us. Give thanks for the new day God promises us.

**People: Life's battles cannot destroy us. The losses we suffer are not the last word.**

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

**We come to you, holy God, with our many needs. Some of us are people in authority with weighty decisions to make. Some of us are fighting battles we cannot win. Some have faced unexpected losses that tear at the fabric of life. There are broken relationships among us, feelings we do not want to admit, realities we do not want to face.**

**There are also joys we have not really celebrated, reasons to give thanks to which we have never given voice. We come, O God, to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, seeking instead to find fullness of life with you. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

SONG "Better Is One Day" Katie Maurer

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 (NRSV) Pastor Mary

SERMON "A Few Answers To A Few Questions" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY/SPECIAL MUSIC "How Good It Is" Dirck Stahl

\*RESPONSE "Bless Thou the Gifts" (p. 625)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**Thank you, God, for your continuing providence, even when we complain. Thank you for the living bread, Jesus Christ, who feeds our spirits. In gratitude for undeserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let our talk and our resources build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the needs of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, grace, and love to your children. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (#293, vs 1, 3)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Katie Maurer