

# November 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

**Introit:** Hymn #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

## Gathering Around the Word

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### Call to Worship

*from Psalm 16:7–11*

One: Let us bless the LORD, who gives sound advice;

**All: In the night our minds receive God's instruction.**

One: May we keep the LORD always before us;

**All: we shall not be moved.**

One: Therefore our hearts are glad, and our moods joyous;

**All: Our bodies rest in safety.**

One: The LORD teaches us the way of life.

**All: In God's presence we celebrate!**

**Let us praise and worship the LORD!**

### Hymn 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (all)*

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### Call to Confession

*from Hebrews 10:21–23*

Since we have the Lord Jesus Christ as our great high priest, let us approach the throne of grace in full assurance of faith. Come bearing your burdens and confessing your sin, for God has promised to be merciful. Let us join now together, saying how it is with us:

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Almighty God,**

**we confess how often we turn**

**to our own assurance and comforts**

**instead of seeking you.**

**We measure ourselves by the ways of the world**

**instead of your commands and wisdom.**

**You offer us lives of peace and hope,**

**but we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**when our words are empty and meaningless.**

**Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more faithful.**

**Call us back to your way:**

**loving our neighbor, working for healing and restoration.**

**Return us to the work of your love, justice, and mercy.**

**In the name of Christ we pray; Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Dear friends, God who calls you by name has known you, always, through and through. The same One who knows all your flaws thinks they are beautiful, for you were made in God's image. Know that you are holy and good and loved. Know that our almighty God is with you, helping you to heal, forgive, and be restored. And know and believe this incredible Good News: **All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

## Response

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

# Listening to the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

Open us, loving God, to your word and your way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## First Reading

Psalm 16

Protect me, God, because I take refuge in you.

<sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord.

Apart from you, I have nothing good."

<sup>3</sup>Now as for the "holy ones" in the land,

the "magnificent ones" that I was so happy about;

<sup>4</sup> let their suffering increase because

they hurried after a different god.<sup>[b]</sup>

I won't participate in their blood offerings;

I won't let their names cross my lips.

<sup>5</sup>You, LORD, are my portion, my cup;

you control my destiny.

<sup>6</sup>The property lines have fallen beautifully for me;

yes, I have a lovely home.

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who advises me;

even at night I am instructed

in the depths of my mind.

<sup>8</sup>I always put the LORD in front of me;

I will not stumble because he is on my right side.

<sup>9</sup>That's why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous;

yes, my whole body will rest in safety

<sup>10</sup> because you won't abandon my life to the grave;

you won't let your faithful follower see the pit.

<sup>11</sup>You teach me the way of life.

In your presence is total celebration.  
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

## Sharing Faith with the Younger Church

### Anthem

#### Second Reading Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Jesus responded, "Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished." <sup>3</sup>Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus said, "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup>Many people will come in my name, saying, 'I'm the one!' They will deceive many people. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don't be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn't the end yet. <sup>8</sup>Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

### Sermon

## Responding to the Word

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#### Hymn 321

*The Church's One Foundation (all)*

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#### Affirmation of Faith

*from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

**This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared  
first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

*1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9;  
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## **Sharing our Prayers**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Giving Back to God's Kingdom**

*The LORD gives us life; gives us hope; gives us all that we have.  
May our offerings – and our very selves – make God's will  
be done in our church, our community, and the whole world.*

#### **The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **Charge & Benediction**

### **Blessing**

#### **HYMN 539**

*We Will Go Out with Joy (vrs 1)*

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### **Postlude**