Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Craig Miller

**God of grace,**
**you call into being things that are not,**
**and change darkness into light.**
**Yet we confess our resistance**
**to the changes you would make in us.**

**Break the control of old habits,**
**old thought patterns, old doubts, stale religion,**
**so that the invitation of new life in Jesus Christ**
**may meet us at every turn.**

**All things are new in your grace,**
**and old things pass away.**
**Break our bondage to familiar things**
**that keep us back from the life of faith,**
**and help us to grasp your new life,**
**which we see and experience**
**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*(silent prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel;
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

*** RESPONSE OF PRAISE 263 (VERSE 4)** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *O Send Out Thy Light* Spencer Schuldt
(The Chancel Choir)

O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me.
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, unto thy tabernacles.
Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy.
Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee;
O God, my God, yea, thee will I praise.
O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me. *(Psalm 43: 3-4)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 13:10-17

**SERMON** *Eighteen Years* Craig Miller

*** HYMN 630** *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
Janet Olshewsky

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**
**In sovereign love God created the world good**
**and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,**
**of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**
**Ignoring God's commandments,**
**we violate this image of God in others and ourselves,**
**accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,**
**and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**
**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah**
**chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**
**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel**
**from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**
**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**
**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**
**God is faithful still. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Craig Miller

**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.**

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

***HYMN 610** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fear,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God;
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

***BENEDICTION** Craig Miller

**POSTLUDE** *Pasticcio* Jean Langlais

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# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
# AUGUST 21, 2022
# 11:00 AM

**CHURCH LIFE UPDATE** Steven Phillips

**PRELUDE** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Steven Phillips

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 95
Janet Olshewsky

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into the Lord's presence with thanksgiving;**
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God,**
**and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand.**

**Let us worship God!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*