TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 30, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Timothy Boggess

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* Gaelic tune / arr. Phillips
(Isaac Mingus, upright bass; Mark DeRose, drums; Steven Phillips, piano)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Lisa Saba

We come to worship God in many ways.
We come singing, dancing, and shouting for joy.
We come grieving, mourning, and crying for loss.
We come asking, praying, and seeking peace.
We come to worship as we are, knowing that God will meet us here.
Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this space.

*** HYMN 19** *God of Great and God of Small*

God of great and God of small,
God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong,
God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia,
praise be to your name.

God of land and sky and sea,
God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power,
yet beside me every hour,
alleluia, alleluia,
praise be to your name.

God of silence, God of sound,
God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night,
God whose love turns wrong to right,
alleluia, alleluia,
praise be to your name.

God of heaven and God of earth,
God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before,
God who reigns forevermore,
alleluia, alleluia,
praise be to your name.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Timothy Boggess

You have said that the poor are blessed,
the outcast beloved, and the mighty powerless,
for your gospel message turns the world upside down.

Forgive us when we do not live in the light of your great reversal:
when we operate as if success were the highest goal
and happiness the most worthy aim.

Forgive us, Lord.
Convict us and heal us.
Enlighten us to know your truth
and empower us to try again.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **SONG OF JOY 447** *We Are Forgiven*

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!
We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

* **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANTHEM *Let Everything that Hath Breath* Jeffery Ames
Text adapted from Psalms 96, 34, and 47

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *Out on a Limb* Timothy Boggess

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Steven Phillips

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.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adapted from *The Confession of 1967,* 9.32–33
Lisa Saba

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*** HYMN 691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* LAND OF REST

Lord, when I came into this life
you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith,
as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.

*** BENEDICTION** Timothy Boggess

POSTLUDE *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* African American Spiritual
(The Jazz Trio)

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