TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 13, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Steven Phillips

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - INVEST IN CHILDREN Stacy Lenz, second grade teacher
Brentwood Elementary School

PRELUDE *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* Gabriel /arr. Phillips
(Chuck Stevens, guitar; Isaac Mingus, upright bass; Mark DeRose, percussion; Steven Phillips, piano)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** George Chorba

Come, people of God, and celebrate the gift of salvation.
We come, trusting in God's greatness.
Come, people of God, and receive God's promises.
We come, trusting in God's goodness.
Come, people of God, and experience the Spirit.
We come, trusting in God's love.

*** HYMN 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!

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!

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Timothy Boggess

God of peace
we confess we are a people of fear.
We have let anxiety rule our days
and worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves
and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command
to not be afraid.

Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,
and renew in us
the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.
(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **SONG OF JOY 611 (VERSE 1)** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

* **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Luke 21:5-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Page 959; 1079
SERMON	*Two Things Every Christian Needs*	Timothy Boggess

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

ANTHEM *I Will Lift My Weary Eyes* Kinley Lange
(Choir and instrumental ensemble)

Refrain
I will lift my weary eyes;
I'll lift them up unto the hills.
And the help that I have needed will surely tumble down;
I will lift my eyes unto the hills.

Ask me what I'll do when the storm clouds open up
and the flood waters cover the land.
Ask me what I'll do in the time of tribulation,
with pestilence on every hand. **(Refrain)**

Ask me what I'll do when the powers of evil rise
with a call to the pleasures of sin.
Ask me what I'll do when the walls of my conviction
start to weaken and crumble in. **(Refrain)**

Ask me what I'll do when the daylight starts to dim
and the night sky lays low o'er my eyes.
Ask me what I'll do when the music starts to fade
into echoes of sweet goodbyes. **(Refrain)**

-Text based on Psalm 121

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER George Chorba

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** *The Study Catechism*, 1998 (PCUSA)

Question 23. What comfort do you receive by trusting in God's providence?

The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
watches over me each day of my life,
blessing and guiding me wherever I may be.

God strengthens me when I am faithful,
comforts me when discouraged or sorrowful,
raises me up if I fall,
and brings me at last to eternal life.

Entrusting myself wholly to God's care,
I receive the grace to be patient in adversity,
thankful in the midst of blessing,
courageous against injustice,
and confident that no evil afflicts me
that God will not turn to my good.

*** HYMN 295** *Go to the World* 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 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Callahan

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