

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 29, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing (11 a.m.)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Reconcile us to You.

All: And reconcile us to one another.

WORD TO GROW BY (11 a.m.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON - *Where Love and Truth Co-exist*

Rev. Kathy Wolf Reed

SPECIAL MUSIC (11 a.m.)

O God, Beyond All Praising

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(See back.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth (11 a.m.)

We welcome Hatcher Herring as our musician for the 9:00 a.m. service, and we welcome Amy Jensen as our guest musician for the 11:00 a.m. service.

11:00 a.m. Liturgist: Susan Fillippeli

Affirmation of Faith - excerpts from the Confession of 1967

The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another... New life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Amen.