

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
11:00 A.M.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Kerry Shull  
Music Director – Gregory Fraser  
*\* Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Grieg Lyric Piece  
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - **During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. We are to stand during designated hymns out of worship and honor. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Offering is to be placed in plate when exiting.**  
INTROIT: “I Love You, Lord” *(See Insert to follow along)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90:1-4,12,14

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
**All: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**  
Leader: You turn us back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”  
**All: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.**  
Leader: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.  
**All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Leader: Let us worship God.  
\*HYMN: “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” *(See Insert)*  
INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our spirits are like new grass at the dawn they spring up fresh, but by sunset they dry up and wither, blown away in spiritual death. Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**All: Lord, we confess we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus’ name.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE  
Leader: Beloved ones, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child. Believe that God’s Spirit recreates us as new people in Christ. Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God. **All: Amen.**

\*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**  
*(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)*

\*SONG OF PRAISE: “I’ll Praise My Maker” *(See Insert)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
Leader: Lord Jesus, your understanding of Scripture astonished and humbled all around you. Send your Spirit to illumine this Word that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. **All: Amen.**  
READING OF THE WORD (The following is said after each reading)  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46  
SERMON: “The Lord Who Loves” Rev. Kerry Shull

\*HYMN: “The Lord Is God” *(See Insert)*  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
Leader: Let us confess our faith using the affirmation in the bulletin which is drawn from the Heidelberg Catechism (Q.1; 4.001).  
Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?  
**All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)  
OFFERTORY  
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING  
Leader: Trusting in God’s providence, we share not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. God’s tithes and our offerings will now be received.  
\*SONG OF DEDICATION: (Please stand) “Doxology”  
**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Leader: Holy God, we offer these gifts to you. May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest to all, through Christ, our Lord. **All: Amen.**  
\*CLOSING HYMN: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *(See Insert)*  
\*BLESSING

Leader: May the Lord bless you and lay loving hands upon you, that you may be strengthened to continue to walk in the faith that others have passed on to you, to move ahead into the promised land.

CHARGE  
Leader: Beloved family of God, be gracious and kind to all, with both the gentle acceptance of a child and the wise maturity of a compassionate mother. **All: Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: **Go now in peace . . .**  
POSTLUDE: Grieg Lyric Piece

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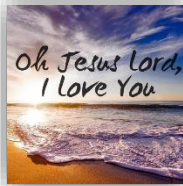
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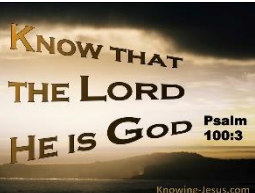
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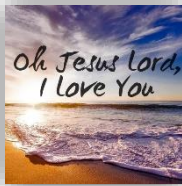


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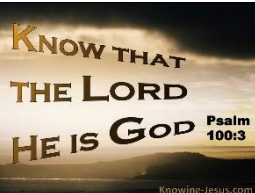
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