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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Laws of Love: The Commandments for Today

The Law of Remembrance

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

by Shackley

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands.

P: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

L: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

P: We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN NO. 84 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

This is the Day

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Patient Lord, we schedule our lives down to the very second. We crowd in as much activity as we can and then wonder why we are so stressed out and tired. We are afraid to miss out on anything. And when it comes time to be with others we spend our time worrying about details rather than longing for the visit. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details and miss the opportunity to sit at your feet, learning, listening, growing in our faith.

Help us to place ourselves in your care. Slow us down, just a bit, so that we can see the wonders you have placed before us and truly enjoy and share the blessings you have given to us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2036 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

Give Thanks

ALL SING: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20: 8-11

Deuteronomy 5: 12-14a, 15

Matthew 11: 28-30

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 99 (black hymnal, vs. 1-3, see p. 4)

Abide with Me

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (played by Mike Ferree)

*This is My Father's World
God of Our Fathers*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: We give thanks, loving God, that you have joined us together at your table. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. Thank you for the gift of your table where there is unity. May we go forth to serve in the world as one church. Amen.

HYMN NO. 347 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Our Refuge and Strength

by Callender

Thank you Paula Strayer, Braden Bicher, Jordyn Myers, & Barb Neff for serving on the praise team this morning. Thank you to Braden Bicher for reading Scripture. Thank you to Jack Herlocker, Deb Herlocker, & John Kollasch for serving on the tech teams this morning. Thank you to John & Connie Wolfe, the Dallam family, Les & Doris Loucks, Brigitte Bradnick, & Sandy King for serving on welcome teams!

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This is the Day

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2. This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

4
God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
Spir-it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

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glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

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glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

Give Thanks

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

Give thanks with a great - ful heart, give thanks to the

5
Ho - ly One, give thanks because he's giv-en Je - sus Christ his

9
Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am

14
rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

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Abide with Me

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. A - bid with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3. I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;

5
The shad - ows deep - en, Lord, with me a - bid;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
I need your grace to foil the tempt - er's power.

9
When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Give me your love my guide and stay to be.

13
Help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.
O Christ who chang - es not, a - bid with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid with me.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he
3. Je - sus calls us in sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

4



shout of joy: bread is brok - en, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and
set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el)

8



seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain,
deed ex - press.
ev - ery - where!

11



pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound! Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain,

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pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!