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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Songs

arr. Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Give to the Lord your whole trust.

P: We place our lives in God's care.

L: Know that God has always and will always be with you.

P: We place our spirits in God's embrace.

L: Worship God in confidence and peace.

P: We open our hearts to God's incredible love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2237 (FWS, see p. 3)**

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Loving and gracious God, we confess that we do not always live the life to which we are called: We carry on with our busy lives, not being mindful of your voice, calling us to live for more than ourselves. You command us to shine Your light, but we often hide it instead. We are prideful and self-righteous, and desire control instead of trusting You to guide our steps. Forgive us. Help us to listen to you and trust that you will not abandon us. Thank you for loving us unconditionally even when we falter.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2022 (FWS, see p. 4, refrain & v. 3) *Great is the Lord*

ALL SING: Great is the Lord, he is holy and justice; by his power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love. Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise! Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you, Lord. Great are you, Lord!

(10:30 AM) **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, BLANKIES, & TECH**

BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Caitlin Damon) *Here I Am to Worship* by Hughes

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

HYMN^s (see p. 5)

There Are Many Ways of Sharing

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.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 593** (UM hymnal, see p. 6)

Here I Am Lord

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Classical Postlude

by Haydn

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²The Prayer of Confession is adapted from two prayers of confession, one written by Austin D. Hill and the other written for Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. These prayers of confession were accessed on August 17, 2022 at <https://thepastorsworkshop.com/prayers-of-confession-on-calling/>


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As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Ruth Duck

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Piano

1. As a fire is meant for bur - ning with a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a

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bright and warm-ing flame, so the church is meant for mis sion, giv - ing
pil-grims on the way. We are seek-ers; we are giv-ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, so may we be signs of one ness 'mid earth's

8


glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or cus-toms, but to
ves-sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac-tions we would
peo-ples, man - y hues. As a rain - bow lights the heav-ens when a

12


build a bridge of care, we join hands a-cross the na tions, find-ing
show that Christ is light. In a hum-ble, lis-tening Spir - it we would
storm is past and gone, may our lives re-lect the ra dianciance of God's

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neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
live to God's de - light.
new and glo-rious dawn.

Great Is the Lord

Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just; by his pow - er we trust in his
love, Great is the Lord, he is faith - ful and true; by his mer - cy he proves he is
love. 1., 2. Great is the Lord and wor - thy of glo - ry! Great is the Lord and
3. Great are you, Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry! Great are you, Lord, and
wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
wor - thy of praise. Great are you Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great _____ is the Lord! _____
Great _____ are you, Lord! _____
Great _____ is the Lord! _____
Great _____ are you Lord! _____

There Are Many Ways of Sharing

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♩ = 80

Piano



1. There are man - y ways of shar - ing, But God's
2. We've been bap - tized in the wa - ters! We've been
3. All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are

4



Spir - it gives each one. There are different ways of car - ing; It's one
giv - en work to do. When you call your sons and daugh - ters, You give
set a - part to lead. Give us Je - sus' love with - in us as we

8




Lord whose work is done. God, whose gifts are ov - er - flow ing, May we
gifts for serv - ing you. God, we join in cel - e - bra tion of the
care for those in need. Give us faith to make de - ci sions; Give us

12



hear you when you call Keep us serv - ing, keep us grow - ing for the
tal - ents you im - part. Bless each bap - tized one's vo - ca - tion; Give each
joy to share your Word. Give us un - i - ty and vi - sion as we

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com - mon good of all.
one a ser - vant's heart.
serve your chuch and world.

Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte, 1981

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

5

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will break their
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est bread I

10

stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my
hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

14

light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
word to them. Whom shall I send?
life to them. Whom shall I

21

I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will go Lord, if you

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lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.