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November 15, 2020  24th Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday

Welcome and Passing of the Peace
L:  As forgiven and reconciled people, share Christ’s peace with one another. The peace of Christ be always with you.
P:  And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  Simple Gifts    arr. Fred Binckes
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship

L:  We are all called to recognize and join God’s mission of love.
P:  We gather to become more like Jesus.
L:  We learn how grace has met other lives.
P:  We wait for God’s empowering presence to open our eyes.
L:  We engage our neighbors, online and in person.
P:  And God’s love, power, and justice help repair the world.

Unison Prayer

We will go, Lord, into the world, telling and retelling the story with other believers, taking the Gospel and making disciples among all the peoples with whom we come in contact. We will go, knowing you will be with us. You, O God, to whom we would in these moments, pour out our lives in
service and in thanksgiving. But we know the barriers that stand in our way. We cannot pour ourselves out to you fully as individuals with unconfessed sin in our lives. We cannot pour ourselves out to you fully as your body when we are in conflict with others. So, hear our confession, forgive and deliver us, and give us courage to offer your peace to one another.

**Old Testament Reading**  
Exodus 33:12-23

**Hymn**  
*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*  
UMH 361  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns** (back of bulletin)

**Prayer**

*L*: We go with hope, O God, with an engaged faith by paying attention to your grace already at work in every life. Wherever we meet those made in your image, we share stories of the grace that has reshaped our own lives. As we come to see resonant patterns of grace, we find you repairing the world’s shattered wholeness.

*L*: For a new resolve to listen to the stories of people made in your image.

**P:** God, hear our prayer.

*L:* With all who are called to become all love through your son, Jesus.

**P:** God, hear our prayer.

*L:* For those whose loneliness and isolation call for listening love.

**P:** God, hear our prayer.

*L:* With friends in faith who serve and witness through deeds and words that heal and free.

**P:** Savior, hear our prayer.

*L:* Hear our prayer, O God, and help us embody your glory and presence—vessels of grace bringing mercy and justice to your world. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession**

We have sinned against you and one another, Lord. We have not loved you wholly. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not denied ourselves and taken up our own cross daily. We have not loved kindness, pursued justice, or walked humbly with you. We have not shared good news with our lips or in our lives. We have not lived worshipfully. Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.

**Silence**

**Words of Assurance**

*L:* The saying is sure: If we confess our sins, God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**P:** In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**A:** Glory to God! Amen!

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Special Music**

*Panis angelicus*  
Franck; arr. Sobieska  
Flutist: Nancy Driftmyer

**Penny Sunday**

Today's offering will support Oxcart Pantry's Adopt-a-Family program. Your donations will purchase Christmas presents for families in need.

**The Offering with Prayer**

Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contribution to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 22:15-22

**Hymn**  
*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*  
UMH 64

**Sermon**  
Michelle Wolter

**Hymn**  
*El Shaddai*  
UMH 123

**Responsive Benediction**

*L:* Go into the world, sharing yourself, and proclaiming God’s loving kindness, justice, and peace, in words and deeds that bring life and hope.

**P:** The Triune God, Creator and Redeemer and Living Spirit, is with us, today and every day, forever and always. Amen.

**Postlude**  
*Immortal, Invisible*  
Lani Smith