

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 14, 2012
10:45 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*Our gospel says there is tension about, and slavery to,
things like religion, education, ambition, and yes, wealth.
Is that only someone else's story?*

GATHER

Prelude

Greeting and Ministry and Mission Highlights

Please sign the attendance pad at the end of the pew and pass it down the row.

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship and Invocation

We come to this sanctuary entangled with the worries of the world and our community...

The cost to repair our car

The images of war embedded upon our mind's eye

Why the microphone is not turned loud enough

Whether we will like the chosen hymns

What kind of muffins will be at coffee hour

We needed one more...

One more hour of sleep

One more obedient child

One more deposit in the bank

One more week of vacation

One more hour in each day

As we roll our shoulders to relieve the stress, as
we lift our eyes to your face as we let go and let God,
remind us that you are *the One*.

***With intention! we shake off our worldly cares,
turn our eyes to you in glad praise and trust your Spirit to
revive us again! Come on people, let us worship the One!***

Let us pray

May worship be what nothing else is—a softening of the edges of doubt,
a touch of God's great mystery upon our innermost being,
a wordless answer to the great questions of life,
a tender blowing of the Holy Spirit,
an assurance that there is a better way to live together on this planet
and that you, O God, are that way.

May your presence be palpable,
alive with your great mystery.

May our voices in song impregnate the very air with grace.

May our prayers be authentic, heartfelt and healing.

May our tears be the morsels of confession that are just so good for the soul.

We are here with you.

We are together, and we are glad. Amen.

*Hymn 511

"Gather Us In"

Dedication to God

SENDING FORTH

*Charge

God asks us to “open the box” of freedom

Don't limit my being; untie the ribbon.

Don't restrict my presence; remove the lid.

Don't be afraid to see what I am; let me sit in your hands.

Don't keep me quiet; let me use your voice.

let me guide you in our journey.

Don't harden your hearts;

let me grow in you and transform your life.

*Our Mutual Blessing

***The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you.***

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you, give you, give you peace.

*Tolling

*Postlude

Following the postlude, a Stephen Minister will be available
near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

Today Matt and Elsa Johnson bring their daughter, Lucia Gloria Johnson, to the church for dedication. Lucia was born March 6, 2012. John and Joan Wallgren and Mark and Debbie Johnson are her grandparents and Ray and Fran Wallgren, Bill and Marilyn Johnson and Bert Erickson are great-grandparents.

Our thanks to Jed and Anne Bassett, sanctuary greeters, Reed Brunzell, Ken Erickson, Thom Morris, Eric Fogel, Peter Westerfield, ushers; Hugh Magill, Scripture Reader; Colette and Kelly Quackenbush, Vernelle Bristol and Mary Beth Molenaar, coffee hosts; Nancy Magill (piano).

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Our mission is to be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel, worshiping together in love, nurturing people in the faith, serving others as Christian disciples, and building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.

