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Our Mission: Shining God's light by... Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

As Brand saw it, studying the human body yields an unexpected bonus. It sheds light on a metaphor used more than thirty times in the New Testament: the Body of Christ in which the church is presented as a universal body comprising individual members joined to Jesus Christ as Head. A likeness exists between the human body and the spiritual Body, a likeness that derives from their common Source. — Philip Yancey

PRELUDE

Our God

arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are all created in the image of God.

We are commanded to love God and one another.

Jesus gave us the framework of our faith.

We are called to follow Jesus.

The Holy Spirit keeps us growing in the strength of our faith. In this time of worship, may we remember

God's intention for us, Christ's call upon us, and the Spirit's movement in us. Amen.

****HYMN No. 2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King,

Help us Thy name to sing;

Help us to praise:

Father, all glorious,

O'er all victorious,

Come, and reign over us,

Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,

Merciful, mighty Lord,

Our prayer attend.

Come, and Thy people bless,

And give Thy word success;

Spirit of holiness,

On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,

Thy sacred witness bear

In this glad hour,

Thou who Almighty art,

Now rule in every heart,

And ne'er from us depart,

Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sov' reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Creator God, we have distorted Your image in us. We have disrupted Your intention for us. We have failed to live into Your commandments. We have not listened to Your call on our lives. Forgive us. Call us now into the difficult work of reparation and restoration. Guide us into the ways of healing justice and mercy. Wisdom on High, breathe in us Your truth, and may we understand Your intentions for us. May we live into Your intention of love and life for all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Creator knows you, for God made you. The Creator knows your heart, your mind, your body, your soul. You are made in the image of God, and you are beloved. You are created with the intention to love and care for others and the world. Seek forgiveness, and know you are forgiven.

Jesus is at work repairing our hearts and souls. We trust that we are God's beloved, and with us, God is well pleased. Amen.

****HYMN No. 750**

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil
Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death.
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
Through him who loved us.
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Through him who loved us.

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 19:7-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Ninety and Nine

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 4:23-26

SERMON

Fingerprints of the Creator: Bones - Our Framework

Rev. William Schram

****HYMN No. 465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry,
Everything to God in prayer!

CONVERSE

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our troubles share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**HYMN No. 38

To Bless the Earth

CHRISTUS, DER IS EIN LEBEN

To bless the earth God sends us
From heaven's abundant store
The waters of the springtime,
Enriching it once more.

The seed that God provided
Is sown o'er hill and plain,
And then come gentle showers
To bless the springing grain.

God crowns the year with goodness;
The earth God's mercy fills;
The wilderness is fruitful,
And joyful are the hills.

With grain the fields are covered;
The flocks in pastures graze;
All nature joins in singing
A joyful song of praise.

**BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts

arr. Cindy Berry

****Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Jessica Goodson, Piano
Alan Smulen, Cantor & Soloist
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers
Michael Sperazza & Samuel Gyan, AV Team

