



21st Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Morning Prayer

Sunday, October 25, 10:15 am

Welcome

Greetings, Friends and Neighbors of St. Timothy's. Thank you for joining us for our worship service.

Opening Sentence

Psalm 105:1

O give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Liturgical Greeting

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever Amen.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

A Song of Praise

Canticle N

Beloved, let us love one another, * for love is of God.

1 John 4:7-11

Whoever does not love does not know God, * for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *

that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *

and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, * we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, * and God's love will be perfected in us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lesson

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9

Reader A Reading from Exodus.

“Don’t forget this: I am your God, the one who brought you out of Egypt where you were slaves. Don’t use my name for anything but praise and prayer. I deserve your respect and so does my name. I made the Sabbath day so you could rest. Keep the Sabbath day holy and for me. Honor your parents who raised you. Do not commit murder or be unfaithful to those you love. Don’t lie. Don’t figure out how to get things that belong to your neighbor. Be happy with what you have.”

Moses was on the mountaintop talking to God. The people were below, and they saw the thunder and lightning and smoke coming from the mountain, and they heard the trumpet sound. They told Moses they were glad he was talking to God, but they didn’t want to talk to God themselves. And they were scared to death. “You don’t need to be afraid,” said Moses. “God wants you to listen and follow the right path. I’ll talk to him for you.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

God, you’ve been our help from way back: my great-grandparents, my grandparents, and my mom and dad. Before the mountains were formed, before the earth was created, you were God. You made us from dust and that’s where we will return.

May God be gracious to us and bless all that we are and all that we do.

We are children of the dirt. A thousand years are nothing to you!

They go by like a couple of hours. We are like a dream or a thought that fades during the day.

We wither like the grass. In the morning we grow strong and tall, and by suppertime, we’re all dried up.

May God be gracious to us and bless all that we are and all that we do.

Be kind to us, God. Don’t take too long to come to us.

We need your kindness first thing in the morning so we can be happy all day long.

Make us glad for the same amount of time that we had troubles.

Show us your goodness, God and we’ll pass it along.

May God be gracious to us and bless all that we are and all that we do.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

Deacon A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had bested the Sadducees, they sent a lawyer to ask Jesus this question: “Teacher, which commandment is the greatest one of all?” Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your heart and with all your mind. That is the first commandment and the greatest one there is. And there’s another that goes along with it, love your neighbor as yourself. All the other commandments are built on these.”

Then Jesus asked them a question: “So, what do you think about the Messiah? Whose son, is he?” They said, “He’s the son of David.” Jesus said, “How can David call him Lord if he’s David’s son, like it says in the scriptures?” No one was able to give him an answer. After that they didn’t bother to ask Jesus any more questions.

After the reading

Deacon Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Deacon Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Litanist For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements / Minute for Mission

Faith Sharing

The General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

Prayer of Peace

You call us beloved. We belong to you.

You created us in your image; through your very breath you formed us.

Through your Son Jesus, our Teacher, You taught us to call one another beloved,
because in belonging to you, we belong to each other.

You told us to see your image in the faces of the forgotten and the oppressed.

Through you we became one family; through your Spirit, we breathe the same breath.

Free us from that which keeps us from perfect love of our neighbors,

Because loving our neighbors is the same as loving you.

Help us to recognize your image in the faces of others.

Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Today's readings are from God's Word, Our Voice, A Lectionary for Children by Lyn Zill Briggs.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

You are welcome join us - staying on this link - for coffee half-hour.

2ND OFFERING PARTNER

Our 2nd Offering partner is our very own Faith & Grace Garden!

We continue to work at harvesting in our garden and would be glad to have YOU lend a hand.

This weekend, we will hear more about how we've been serving our community with our garden.



Together for JOY

We appreciate your response to our 2021 Stewardship Campaign and are grateful for your continued commitment.

If you have yet to turn in your pledge card for the coming year, please return it as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Wachter, our bookkeeper, at 515.225.2020 or accounting@sttimothyiowa.org

FORMATION

4th & 5th Grade Bible Class: We have begun an in-person gathering for kids in 4th & 5th grades. We meet on the patio at St. Timothy's from 11 am to Noon on Sundays. If you are interested in your child attending, please contact Heather Preston at formation@sttimothyiowa.org.

6th Grade Faith in Action: As we expand our formation gatherings for young people, 6th graders have begun gathering online. As above, for more information, contact Heather Preston.

Adult Bible Study: Will resume Wednesday, October 28th.

Family Formation: Lectionary Reflection and Discussion (continuing through Advent). There will be an email and a posting on our closed Facebook page containing ways for you to engage the scriptures from the previous Sunday's worship. Our hope is that these questions will be a guide to hearing God speaking with you over the course of your week. The prompts will include both adult-appropriate and kid-friendly material. Then on Wednesdays, 7 -7:45 pm you are welcome to join a discussion about these wonderings. Our time will end at 7:45 pm with compline. A Zoom link will be included in Monday's email and on our closed FB page.

Questions about the Lectionary Reflection and Discussion, contact Abigail Livingood at news@sttimothyiowa.org

Books, Brew & Banter: We continue our review of *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. We will likely be discussing this book for at least 2 weeks. If you're interested in joining the discussions, we meet via Zoom at 10am on Friday mornings. Email Deacon Jeanie (deacon@sttimothyiowa.org) for the login information.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For or those in service to our country: Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall & Reece;

For those seeking ordination: Abigail Livingood;

For those who are sick or in need of healing: Rosemary, Marty, Jovan, Kris, Troy, Lu, Mary, and Suzanne;

For all those who are participating in our annual Diocesan Convention;

For those celebrating a birthday: McB McManus, Don Smith, Bwogo Nikako, Phil George, Amy Rech, Jeanie Smith, Sarah Wilson, Bill Waskom and Sue Clark;

For those to be married: Sarah (Larson) & Alex, Jessie & Andrew (Marshall), Dana & Zach (Slocum), and Molly & Joe (Brennan);

For our 2nd Offering Partner in October: Faith & Grace Garden; and

For the Episcopal Church in Sudan & South Sudan especially Archbishop Samuel and Bishop Richard and their families.

OFFICE HOURS & ACCESS

ALL VISITORS TO OUR BUILDING ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS.

Currently, our offices are closed to the public. The office phone is staffed from 9 am to noon, Tuesday through Thursday Messages will be returned as soon as possible.

Pastoral Care Emergencies can be called in to 515-225-2020, ext. 400.

GIVING

While we are unable to worship together, we can still share the generous spirit that permeates our community. Here are ways you can continue to give:

Online:
www.sttimothysiowa.org/giving
Pledge, 2nd Offering & More

By Mail:
Regular Pledging/2nd Offering
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
1020 24th Street, West Des Moines IA 50266

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR OUR SERVICES

The health and safety of our worshipers and of those who participate in conducting services is of critical importance to Clergy and Leadership at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church and School.

To ensure all involved are safe we are:

- Holding services via internet and, increasingly more limited in-person gatherings;
 - Strictly observing CDC social distancing guidelines in recording sessions and live services;
 - Requiring masks and/or gloves for service participants;
 - Recording readers individually or at safe distances; and
 - Recording our organist and vocalists individually, while our videographer is at a safe distance.
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