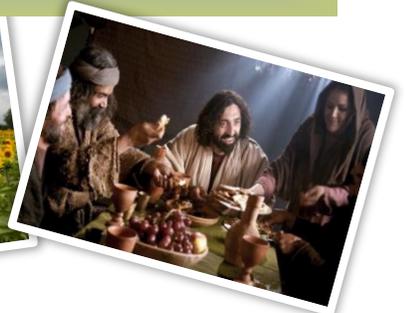


9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021 8 a.m.

Dwight United Methodist Church
Dwight, Illinois



Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Mary Arnold

God is good. **All the time.** All the Time. **God is good.**

Prelude- Prepare Your Heart for Worship

“How Firm a Foundation”

Ellie Bossert

Call to Worship

We are ready, O God; we wait for Your blessing.

From the experiences of another week, we come to You.

From the twists and turns of friendship, we come to You.

From our encounters with temptation, we come to You.

From our efforts to follow Christ, we come to You.

And You bless us, O God, for You are faithful.

Worship in Song

*Hymn #114 (all verses)

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Verse One: God of change and glory, God of time and space, when we fear the future, give to us your grace. In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain: Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways, hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Verse Two: God of many colors, God of many signs, you have made us different, blessing many kinds. As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.

Repeat Refrain:

Verse Three: Freshness of the morning, newness of each night you are still creating endless love and light. This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.

Repeat Refrain:

Opening Prayer

We rejoice that we can praise You, loving and gracious God, in the congregation of Your people. You have remained faithful through the passing of time. In Your faithfulness, You call us to practice justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. When we do, we will be filled with joy and peace. Accept our worship and praise this day. May all we do glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Time with the Children

Stacey Stefanski

Worship in Song

***Hymn #87 (all verses)**

“What Gift Can We Bring”

Verse One: What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Verse Two: Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Verse Three: Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God’s keeping and live in God’s love.

Verse Four: This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

Celebration of Offering

“Meditation on ‘Azmon’”

Ellie Bossert

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer

The Word of God

Mark 2:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that were coming to him. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector’s booth. “Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him. ¹⁵ Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus’ followers.) ¹⁶ But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, “Why does he eat with such scum?” ¹⁷ When Jesus heard this, he told

them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Message

“Live Like Jesus: Sit with Anybody” Rev. Mary Arnold

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Worship in Song

***Hymn #337 (all verses)**

“Only Trust Him”

Verse One: Come every soul by sin oppressed, there’s mercy with the Lord; and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word.

Refrain: Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.

Verse Two: For Jesus shed his precious blood rich blessings to bestow; plunge now into the crimson flood that washes bright as snow. **Repeat Refrain:**

Verse Three: Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way that leads you into rest; believe in him without delay, and you are fully blest. **Repeat Refrain:**

Verse Four: Come then and join this holy band, and on to glory go, to dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal flow. **Repeat Refrain:**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Rondo Gioioso”

Ellie Bossert

Thank you for your continued witness and support of Christ’s work around our world beginning with our local church. Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for such sacrifices are pleasing to our great God. (Hebrews 13:16)

You may place your offerings in plate as it is being passed, in the Offering containers at the back of the church, give your offering online or mail your gifts directly to the Church at 701 S. Columbia St., Dwight IL 60420.

