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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lauri Zembower, Stewardship

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Don Coble, Alternative Gift Fair

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts"

arr. A.L. Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 362

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand;
arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:18-24

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

Keep Awake!

Rev. Edward Wolff

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This morning we again welcome the Rev. Edward Wolff to the virtual pulpit. Ed, who was ordained into ministry in 1996 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is a regular worshipper with the Covenant congregation. He was called to serve in two different congregations, then he was trained to become an interim minister and assisted five congregations. He also served as supervisor for interim ministry for the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA. He began a congregation in Jonesborough. He lives in Jonesborough with his spouse Frankie.

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:
Organ/piano:
Liturgist:

Rev. Edward Wolff
Jessica Siple, Music Director
Ann Freeman

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