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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Lift High the Cross"

arr. Alice Jordan

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 149

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 13:8-14

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

“How to Mend”

Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 826

“Lift High the Cross”

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

POSTLUDE

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

A.L. Paige

This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema to the virtual pulpit. Barb is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America (RCA). She has served churches in the RCA, UCC, and PC(USA). She is married to Dr. Doug Edema. Barb & Doug moved from Johnson City back to Michigan in November 2013. They enjoy visiting and staying connected with the people of Covenant!

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:

Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema

Organ/piano:

Jessica Siple, Music Director

Liturgist:

Gwen Hunter

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