

Sodus United Third Methodist Church Welcomes You
September 17, 2023
16th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude/Gathering
Welcome & Announcements

† Sharing “The Peace of Christ”

Call to Discipleship: Isaiah 42:5a, 6-7; 43:19-21

God Calls: ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, ... ⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ... ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

We Respond: O God, your creativity knows no bounds. All of creation calls us to remain attentive in heart and soul to each new thing you do to gather us into one, loving peaceful human community—putting aside the false boundaries which divide us. As we gather to worship you, we seek your refreshing grace, that our trembling hearts might be strengthened by your grace—and that we may serve you with renewed spirits.

Opening Prayer:

Truly, Lord you are the God of faithful love. Life with you is a rhythm of silence and listening blended with sharing and service. Let your love wash over and through us until, like Christ, everything that we are or hope to be breathes forth your Holy Spirit from our hearts. Amen.

† Hymn “Deep in the Shadows of the Past” No. 2246

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

Praise Hymn: Song of Miriam Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21
“The Horse and Rider (I will sing unto the Lord)”

† Gloria Patri: No. 70

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12

† Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Time for Maturing Disciples: “Claim the Healing Power of Grace”

† Hymn “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” No. 390

Praises and Prayer Requests:

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Glorious God, which 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 forever. Amen.

† Hymn “Cares Chorus” No. 2215

Preparing to give God out Tithes and Best Offerings:

(In Unison) Loving and generous God, you are the giver of all good gifts and graces. Tithing reminds us that we merely return what is already your own. The only gift that we can truly give is a loving and contrite heart, for that must be an act of our own free will.

† Doxology No. 95

† Benediction with Blessing
“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart” No. 2036

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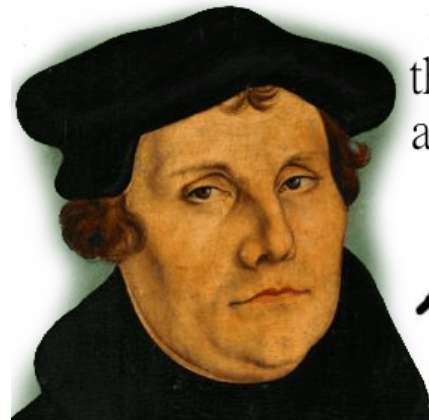
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Should we then bite and scratch each other like dogs and cats? No, but we should heartily forgive and ask, "[Why] should I accuse my brother? If God is merciful unto me and for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ forgives me so great a debt, why should I make so much ado about a penny or two? I will call it square, forgive and forget, and thank God that He has forgiven me and made me a partaker of His grace."



Martin Luther

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--Martin Luther