

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

Giver of all gifts, we seek to share as you have shared with us. We want to serve in the spirit of Christ. Therefore, we rededicate ourselves with this offering. As we seek your blessing, we ask no more for this faith community than we would ask for all people everywhere. May we love you and one another as we learn to love ourselves! Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*HYMN *More Love to Thee, O Christ* UMH 453 (vs. 1 & 4)

*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

Upper St. Croix Parish

ONE Parish THREE Churches:
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls

October 25th, 2020
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



The United Methodist Church

8:15 am: In-Door Service at Central-Grantsburg

10:00 am: Drive -In-Service at Atlas Park

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This bulletin is for both in-church and drive-in service (outdoor).

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Peace be with You!”

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

Blessed are those who stand in awe before God;
happy are all who walk in God’s ways.

The true and living God turns us from our idols.

The Spirit directs us in the way we should go.

Link your hearts with one another in God’s presence;
know that you are a part of God’s family.

The love of God chooses and unites us;

that love causes us to value ourselves and others.

Open yourselves to God’s testing and God’s demands;
receive God’s gentle care and warm embrace.

God is our judge and our inspiration;

God is our comfort and our refuge. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

UMH 402 (vs. 1 & 2)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Eternal God, whose love for us is boundless and whose mercy extends to all your children, help us to love you with our whole being, that we may live confidently, growing in our relationship with you and with one another until the whole world shares in the experience of your loving care. May the great commandments of Christ, summing up all the law and the prophets, motivate and empower the whole family of humankind. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

(Children may stay with their parents for safety reasons.)

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 22:34-40

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *The Gift of Love* UMH 408 (vs. 1 & 3)

SERMON *“Love, the Greatest Commandment”* Pastor Jenny Lee

(If you are not able to join us for Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon.)

We Respond to God’s Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

Entrust us again with the gospel of Jesus Christ, that we may love you with all our being and our neighbors as ourselves. We would risk opposition to serve you faithfully. We want to identify with the poor and oppressed for whom you have special compassion. Guide us by your word to share ourselves, along with your good news. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

Announcements (Insert) October 25th, 2020

1. Today is the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit be with you!
2. "Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes" are available in Atlas and Grantsburg. Collection day is on November 15. (Questions to Sue Olson, or Pastor Jenny Lee)
3. November 1st is "All Saints Sunday." Please inform us of your loved ones who have passed on in the last year so we may lift them up during service by October 26. (Atlas-Sue Olson; Grantsburg-LuAnne Martell; St. Croix Falls-Karen Sciacca)
4. November 1st is daylight saving time - be sure to turn your clocks BACK one hour. Do not be confused with the service times.
5. November 8th is "Veterans Sunday." Please inform us your family members and friends who you would like to give honors to for their service by November 2nd. (Atlas-Sue Olson; Grantsburg-LuAnne Martell; St. Croix Falls-Karen Sciacca)
6. Upper Rooms (Daily meditation book) are available to pick up in Grantsburg and Atlas Park. If you would like a copy, please let us know. We may send you via USPS mail.
7. The November Newsletter (hard copies) are available to pick up in Grantsburg and Atlas Park.
8. Atlas has Sunday School in person after Children's Time on Sunday. All kids in our parish (Atlas, Central and St. Croix falls) are welcome.
9. Church/Charge Conference will be held at 6:00 pm on October 27 via Zoom. If you want to join in person, please come to the Grantsburg Church by 5:50 pm. If you want to join it via Zoom, please let pastor Jenny Lee know by October 26th so she may send you the link.
10. Children's Time in Sunday services will be recorded, and posted on our parish Facebook page on Mondays. Please encourage your kids to view the video clip if they miss Sunday service.
11. Indoor service: 8:15 am at Central UMC in Grantsburg (masks required) and our Drive-In Service (outdoor service) is at 10 am at Atlas Park, you may bring a lawn chair for your convenience if you want to sit outside your car. All are welcome at both services! Choose the service that is most convenient for you.

*Indoor Service: **Central-Grantsburg UMC, 301 S. Pine St. Grantsburg, WI 54840**

*Outdoor Service (Drive-In Service), **Atlas Park, 2108 295th Ave. County Rd. B. Luck, WI 54853**

12. If you miss a Sunday service, you may view a video clip on Facebook or use materials (mailed, emailed or on the Parish website) for a home service. You may want to send your giving (offerings) to your church. If you have any questions regarding services or offerings, please email the church office at:
centralumc2016@gmail.com
13. No food should be shared. If you need water or some snacks, please bring them with you.
14. Ushers will wear a mask and gloves. When you greet each other, please wear masks and keep social distancing of 6 ft minimum.
15. This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Kate Murtaugh 10/26

Bob Popham 10/26

Sue Ott 10/26

Jim Mattson 10/29

