

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
November 8th, 2020
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
“Veterans Sunday”

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

Gather in sacred and solemn assembly;
break out in loud and joyous celebration.

**God is not pleased with empty rituals;
our songs of praise must be genuine.**

Here God’s word of invitation;
listen also to God’s word of judgment.

**Worship prepares us for deeds of mercy;
God calls us to work for justice for all.**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High,

**In gratitude for the earth’s abundance, we come;
in thanks for the privilege of sharing, we give. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *America the Beautiful* **UMH 696 (vs. 1 & 3)**

HONORING AND RECOGNITION TO VETERANS

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Righteous God, you rule the nations. You guard brave men and women in military service. Give them compassion for those who confront them as enemies. Protect them in all circumstances. We are also grateful for those who have done their duties in military service. Though for a season they must be people of war, let them live for peace. Encourage them as they encourage one another, and

never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Joshua 24:14-25

14 “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

19 But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” 21 And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” 22 Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” 23 He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” 24 The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *We Are God’s People*

TFWS 2220 (vs. 1 & 4)

SERMON

“Put Away the Other gods!”

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

Eternal God, whose rule extends through all times and places, nudge us to remain alert and watchful and ready for each moment's possibilities. Keep us from weariness, lest we miss Christ's presence and the opportunity to bear witness to the Spirit's movement among us. Lead us to keep awake spiritually, and to teach our children in the principle of the Lord. May our prayers, praise and service glorify you today and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

You have trusted us with abundance, Gracious Provider, and we are grateful. You have comforted and delivered us in times of trouble, and for this we pour out thanks. When our lamps have gone out, you have not condemned us but have sent fresh vision and energy. We bring ourselves with our gifts, asking you to help us use all we have in the best possible ways. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***HYMN** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* **UMH 474 (vs. 1 & 3)**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

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ONE Parish THREE Churches:
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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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