



“I’ve Been Meaning to Ask . . .”
A Service of Communion, Community
and Conversation

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Chapel

September 3, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

This space is holy.

This space is special.

God is here.

We are open to possibilities.

With our bodies, hearts and minds, let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN 698

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

PRAYER OF BODY, MIND, HEART, SPIRIT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17 (pg. 878)

GUIDED CONVERSATION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN 205

“Live in Charity”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Communion Hymn: 527

“Eat This Bread”

Prayer after communion

HYMN 654

“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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The flowers for this morning's service are given for the Glory of God

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Worship Leader: Merri Bame

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Elder of the Month: Ian Gilbert

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Nursery Care Available for Worship!

The Nursery is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings during the worship service. The Nursery is not currently available during the education hour. With more volunteers, we will be able to provide care in the Nursey for the second hour. To volunteer, please contact Sue Harvey (614-216-5884). Thank you for caring for our most precious members.

Worship Service Attendance: August 27, 2023: 52

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John 15:9-17

“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. 12 This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. 17 I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.”

Conversation Round 1 (6 mins)

1. What place feels most like home? What do you love about it?
2. How did you get connected to this faith community? What is one of your favorite memories here?
3. What is one thing that the pandemic brought into your life that you would like to keep or hold onto?
4. What is a hope you have for yourself in the coming year? For your family? For the church? For this city/town?

Conversation Round 2 (6 mins)

1. What brings you joy these days?
2. What weighs heavy on you, or causes you grief?
3. What is something you have learned about yourself in the past year?
4. If you could go back in time and teach your younger self one lesson, what would it be?

Conversation Round 3 (6 mins)

1. What’s your favorite family tradition? Or, what’s a tradition you want to start and pass along to those you love?
2. We often talk about “mountain top” experiences in our faith—places where God feels close. Where is a place that you have felt close to God? What was holy about it?
3. Share a key moment in your faith journey. How did that moment shape what you believe today?
4. Who is someone who has been influential in your faith? What impact did they have?

Conversation Round 4 (6 mins)

1. Is there a story behind your given name or your surname? If you have a nickname or a chosen name, how is this name meaningful to you?
2. Share a memory related to food—a family recipe, a baking ritual, or a time of breaking bread with loved ones.
3. What is your first memory of grief? What have you learned from your grief?
4. Share a story of a time when you felt the most like yourself.