22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2016 ◆ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Vogt
This Is My Father's World

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.
People: Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.
Leader: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.
People: We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.
Leader: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?
People: We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for the world. AMEN.

***Hymn #500** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Opening Prayer

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 31:27-34
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Psalter** – Psalm 119-97-104 Hymnal, Page 790

***Gloria Patri #70**

Epistle Reading – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

***Hymn #451** *Be Thou My Vision*

***Gospel Reading** – Luke 18:1-8
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon - "Be Ready" Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith #881** – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:
Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering & Offertory *Grace* arr. Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

***The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

***The Lord's Prayer**

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn #384** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune* Cumming

**For those who are able, please stand*