# 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2016 ◆ 11:00 a.m. Worship

## GATHERING

**Welcome**

**Prelude** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Robinson
Sanctuary Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.
**People: Happy are those who live in your courts—those who are satisfied with the goodness of your house and your holy temple.**
Leader: You are the hope of all things, Holy One, from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.
**People: You make the gateways of the evening and the morning shout for joy.**
Leader: Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.
**People: Let us shout and sing together for joy. Amen!**

***Hymn #158** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**Opening Prayer**

**God of all generations, we remember mothers and fathers in the faith who took bold steps in new directions to re-form your church. Pour out your spirit upon us, that we too may dream dreams, see visions, and view the whole created order as your bountiful temple. With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to renew this temple, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

**Old Testament Reading** – Joel 2:23-32
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Psalter** – Psalm 65 Hymnal, Page 789

***Gloria Patri #70**

**Epistle Reading** – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

***Hymn #357** *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

***Gospel Reading** – Luke 18:9-14
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Anthem** *God Loves Me* White
Youth Choir

**Sermon -** "Living as a Libation" 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** *I Surrender All/Depth of Mercy* Vogt

***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 #128** *He Leadeth Me*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* Prichard

**For those who are able, please stand*