

# Saturday, June 26, 2021 5:00 P.M.

# Good Stewards Together: Holy Spirit of Stewardship

# **GATHERING**

### WELCOME

# **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **And also with you.** 

Spirit of the Living God, guide our breaths to slow as we pause, watch, and wonder how your Holy Spirit is present in our lives today. Send your Holy Spirit to be our Advocate and helper as we learn to lives as good stewards of our relationships with God and each other, and all that you have given, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

# WORD

# SCRIPTURE – Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of

our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 

### SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray... Trusting that nothing can separate us from the love of God, we can pray boldly and persistently, or silently, wordlessly with the Spirit of Christ praying in us, pleading for us, working through us, in our weakness, to bring Christ's love to birth.

Holy God, please use us now as a whole church, as this gathered community to pray together. Let us feel your presence...

We pray for each other – for every person in this room...

We pray for each of our communities, families and colleagues...

We pray for the church and the world...

We pray for the people each one of us will come into contact with this week...

God of all compassion, you have bound yourself to us in love stronger than death and deeper than tongue can tell. Gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, that we may walk in the life and peace of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. **Amen.** 

### <u>MEAL</u>

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+++ Receive the Meal +++

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We pause for prayer and reflection.

#### PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.** 

### **SENDING**

### **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.** 

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** 

Thank you for joining us today! We look forward to seeing you online at 10am on Sunday mornings, or in-person at our summer worship services.



God Bless and Be Well!

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#### **Our Mission:**

Transforming lives by sharing a saving faith in Jesus Christ and living the Gospel through service

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, connect with our ministries, meet with our pastor, or learn more about ELC and how to join, feel free to call or email us. You are always welcome here.

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