

*Scripture Theme for 2024: Rejoice always, pray
without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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21st Sunday of Kingdomtide

October 13, 2024- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary*

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: It may be hard to see God as we travel through periods of spiritual darkness. But God knows the path we're on, and he can see us.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rudy Hyde

Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

People: break forth, O mountains, into singing!

Leader: For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

**All: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth. Let us sing to God!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 89

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord we have come singing "Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee", but too often we feel like the disheartened Job. There are nights when we cannot sleep.

Lord, for we are restless and anxious. There are times when we find: our minds racing and our thoughts circling. Honestly We find our bodies aching and our hearts yearning.

We are restless in these uncertain times and our faith is struggling. Help us and forgive us when we do not trust you in all things.

Continue now in your own time of silent confession before God.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN AFTER CONFESSION

No. 452

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (vs 1 & 3 only)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Followed by the Lord's Prayer

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Gracious God, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

Scripture for October

Proverbs 4:23

Guard your heart above all else for everything you do flows from it.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Bill Elliott

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

Yvette Cortez

Hebrews 4:12-16

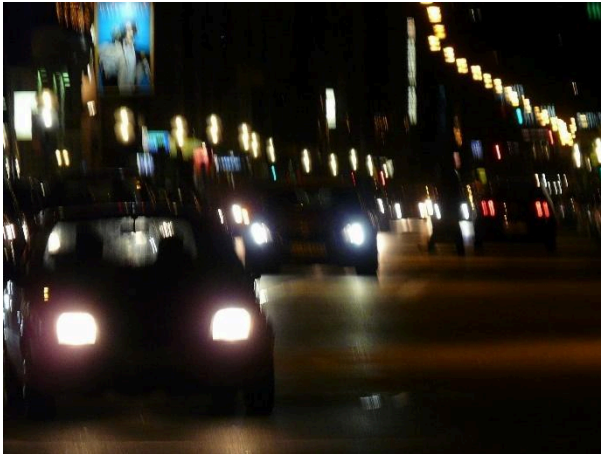
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MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Night Vision"



***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

No. 451

"Be Thou My Vision"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: As we depart the house of the Lord, may we walk with a new vision, a new insight.

**People: Renew our faith that enables us to see more clearly
God's presence and direction for our lives.**

Leader: In the name of the awesome God. . . Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn