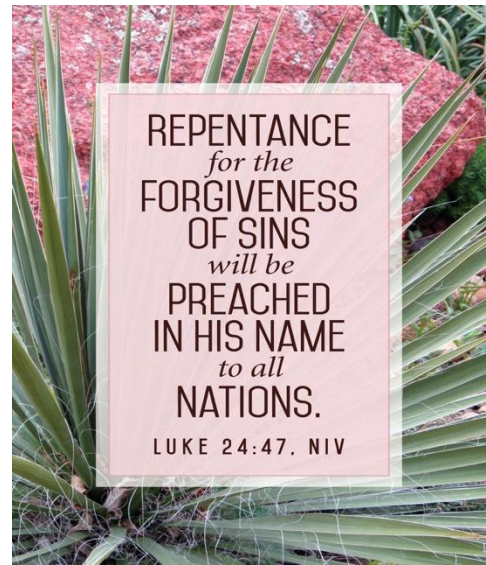


August 8, 2021
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgists:
8:30am Angela Marsee;
10:30am Todd Doyals
***Please Stand**



Prelude	Sophia Lee
Welcome & Opening Prayer	Rev. Chuck Horton
Announcements	Liturgist
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Liturgist
Leader: Sometimes when we start a new school year we need some new clothes.	
People: Sometimes we've had a growth spurt and our old clothes no longer fit!	
Leader: Sometimes our old ones are out of style and we want to look more trendy!	
People: Sometimes they have become stained	
Leader: Or faded or worn out.	
People: Sometimes we are ready to put aside our "little kid clothes" and put on something more grown up.	
Leader: It is the same way for Christians. When we become followers of Jesus, we take off our old rags and we put on Christ.	
People: God's Word tells us: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." (Colossians 3:12)	
Leader: God has made us brand new clothes, woven by his love.	
People: Let us put them on!	
*Opening Hymn	"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH 152

UNISON PRAYER

Liturgist

Let us Pray: **There is something wonderful about getting brand new clothes, especially when you, O God, have designed them perfectly for us. Clothe us, O God, in the garments of Christ's love. Dress us, so that we look like him, walk like him, talk like him, and live like him.**

We remember the day when Jesus' garments became intensely white, and he began to shine brighter than the sun itself, and he reflected your glory! Let our lives reflect your glory today! We remember the day that a woman reached out and touched the fringe of his robe and she was instantly healed. Lord, give us the humility to stretch out our hands now and touch your robe! We remember the day when Jesus took off his robe and washed the disciples' feet. Teach us to take off our robes and serve those who are around us. We remember how the soldiers took his robe and gambled for it as he hung above them on the cross. They wanted his robe of cloth, we want his robe of righteousness. We remember how Jesus scoffed at those religious leaders who loved to go about in public long robes to gain human respect from how they were dressed on the outside. Lord, come and dress us to be like you, not on the outside but on the inside!

We want nothing more, and nothing less, than to be dressed like Jesus, now on this earth, so that someday we will also be dressed in garments of pure white. In Jesus' name, we pray these things. Amen.

Special Music

"Blessed Assurance"

Torrey Curtis, Soloist, Sophia Lee, accompaniment

*Doxology

UMH 94

*Scripture

Luke 24:44-49 (NRSV)

Rev. Chuck Horton

Sermon

"Power Dressing"

Rev. Chuck Horton

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Invitation Hymn

"O Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 539

*Benediction

*Parting Song

"Spirit Song"

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Postlude

Sophia Lee