

Scripture Theme for 2023: I have come so that  
they may have life and live it to the fullest”

John 10:10



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# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 1 2023~ 10:30 a.m.

## **Welcome All!**

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

*If you are a first-time visitor we have A special gift for you.*

*\*Congregation, please stand if able*

**Pondering: Be the CHANGE you wish to see  
in the world. . .** **Ghandhi**

## **\*BEGINNING WITH PRAISE**

**No. 593**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Pastor Melissa**

**Pastor:** The Church is Christ Embassy, and we are given our ambassador credentials when we become a member.

**People:** Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work each day; He has no feet but our feet to lead people in His way. He has no tongues but our tongues to tell others how He died; He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Rudy Hyde**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Pastor Melissa**

**You are never weary, O Lord, of doing us good. Forgive us dear Lord when we become weary of serving you. For give us when we find pleasure in serving what the world says we should serve. In this time of confession empty us totally of self-will so we can fill us up with the desire and grace to serve you. Empty us so we can grow to be new creatures in Christ.**

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*A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.*

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . Followed by

- The Lord's Prayer &
- The Gloria Patri

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Faithful God, we gratefully acknowledge that you are the giver of all things. You call us to share these gifts so that we may experience the joy and humility of giving to others. We pray that this very act of offering our gifts to you will enable us to be obedient disciples of your work. We are blessed to receive and to offer the message of salvation. Jesus Christ is Lord. Praise your holy name! Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

\*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE FOR OCTOBER

Mark 12:31

**LOVE YOU NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**

Mark 12:31

EPISTLE READING

Pastor Melissa

**2 Corinthians 5:13-17**

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

*People: Thanks be to God*

MESSAGE

Bill Elliott

Lay Leader &

Delegate to Annual Conference

**"Making a Positive Change"**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**No. 640**

*"Take Our Bread"*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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**100 % TO OUR LOCAL EMERGENCY FUND**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP**

**TFWS 2152**

*"Change My Heart O Lord"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Melissa**

Pastor: As we depart from this service, go with us, Lord,

**People: As we go out of the church and into the crowd,**

**As we leave the cross on the altar to inform others of the**

**Christ who died thereon, As we leave our candles of light to go forth with the truth of the Light of the world,**

Pastor: As we leave the stained-glass windows and go forth to allow the light of Christ to shine through us, As we get away from our walls of stone to go forth to break down walls of prejudice, As we get out of the house of God and into the houses of all. God goes with us; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

**POSTLUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**

