



August 20, 2023  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 AM

**PRELUDE**

*Various Melodies*

Ricky Francese

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michael Droege

**PSALTER**

Liturgist, Nancy Scott

May God be gracious to us. May the face of the Lord shine upon us. God guides us with equity.  
May we continually be blessed; let all the earth revere God.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Despite our transgressions, you refuse to abandon us Great Redeemer. The gifts each of us possess and the calling each of us have received are irrevocable. You have greatly blessed us, Lord. Though we have been disobedient, your mercy flows out for us. You are merciful to all. Grant us recognition of Your great works, O God, that we might live to serve you and praise your holy name forever. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

**HYMN #496**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE** Joe Higgins • Linda Basilio's mom • The Family of Kelly Friede who recently lost her father-in-law • The people of Maui

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

**DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF GRATITUDE****SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 45: 1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

**GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**SERMON***I Need You to Survive*

Matthew May

**ANTHEM***I Need You to Survive*

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Various Melodies*

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