



November 8, 2020 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. To our most merciful God, do you confess that you are captive to sin and cannot free yourself? Do you confess that you have sinned against God in thought, word, and deed, by what you have done and by what you have left undone? Do you confess that you have not loved God with your whole heart; that you have not loved your neighbors as yourself? If so say, "I do." **I do.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn: *O, Zion, Haste*

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day (See Celebrate insert)

Reading: Amos 5:18-24 (see Celebrate insert)

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 (See Celebrate insert)

Sermon (Pastor Meredith McGrath)

Offering

Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*

Prayers of Intercession (See Celebrate insert)

Communion and Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

COVID-19 Safety Reminders

The leadership at Elim wants to be sure that we all help to keep each other safe. Please be mindful of the safety reminders listed below.

- ✓ Do not come to church if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- ✓ If you become sick and have recently visited the church, please contact the church.
- ✓ While in the church, always wear a mask.
- ✓ While in the church, maintain social distancing at all times.
- ✓ If you plan to visit the church, other than for worship, please notify the church office (for contact tracing purposes).

Support the Equal Exchange Interfaith Project Through the Elim Coffee Cart

Elim is part of the Equal Exchange Interfaith Project. During the closures of places of worship because of COVID-19, Project sales have dipped by 66,000 pounds. This reduction directly affects the farmers and their families. To help alleviate this impact, please consider making a purchase in the coming weeks.

Remember, we have Fellowship Blend, available (the coffee was served during coffee hour). Make a cup at home and call someone you have missed seeing. To help support the Project, please contact David Sherwood-Gabrielson at yesmedsg@gmail.com. He will send you a price list and make arrangements for you to pick up the items at Elim.

COFFEE CART PRICES

WHOLE BEAN COFFEE: French Roast Organic 10 oz. (\$6.90) Ethiopian Organic 12 oz. (\$6.90) Breakfast Blend Organic 12 oz. (\$6.40)	HOT COCOA MIX--ORGANIC (\$5.35) BAKING COCOA--ORGANIC (\$5.35) TEAS—ALL ORGANIC (\$3.10) English Breakfast Earl Grey Chai Green Jasmine Green Chamomile Green Tea with Ginger Black Decaf English Breakfast
DECAF DRIP: Cozy Cup 12 oz. (\$7.40) Organic Decaf 12 oz. (\$7.90)	OLIVE OIL—VIRGIN AND EXTRA VIRGIN (\$12.00)
DRIP COFFEE: Café Salvador 12 oz. (\$6.40) Colombian Organic 12 oz. (\$6.90) French Roast Organic 10 oz. (\$6.90) Sisters Blend Organic 1 lb. (\$8.20) Ethiopian Organic 12 oz. (\$6.90) Breakfast Organic 12 oz. (\$6.40)	SINGLE SERVE COFFEE CUPS (\$6.50) Organic French Roast Breakfast Blend
PERCOLATOR GRIND: Fellowship Blend 1 lb. (\$7.60) Fellowship Blend Decaf 1 lb. (\$8.90)	

Elements of the Celebrate[®] Insert for November 8, 2020

Introduction to the day

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com/). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]