

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Season of Pentecost

**Observing World Food Sunday**

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## GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE *Masks and Dances for Keyboard* O. Gibbons

WELCOME *We value Affirming, Caring, Growing Spiritually, Reaching Out*  
...Michael Brooks

CELEBRATING MEALS OF HOPE'S 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY ...Heather Stewart

\*\*VOICES UNITED **291, verses 1 to 4** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER ...Nicolaas Van Gemert

The feast is prepared!

**Love is seated with justice.**

Peace awaits with hope.

**All are welcome to partake!**

Yet we know that justice and peace do not extend to all.

So let us pray for God's help:

**Loving God,**

**take our hands and take our lives –**

**ordinary as wheat or cornmeal, daily as bread –**

**our stumbling generosity,**

**our simple actions,**

**and find them good enough**

**to help prepare the feast for all your people. Amen.**

\*\*PEACE GREETING

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you!**

*(we exchange words of peace and non-contact gestures;*

*Children and youth may proceed to programs)*

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

## SEEKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

FIRST BIBLE READING [Psalm 34: 1-8](#) *(click link to view text)*  
...Nancy Leithead

\*\*VOICES UNITED **227** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

\*\*GOSPEL BIBLE READING [Matthew 25: 31-40](#) *(click link to view text)*

A CONVERSATION "JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY"  
...Jeffrey Ing & Michael Brooks

## RESPONDING IN CARE

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lord of Feast and of Hunger* R. Edwards  
arr. C. Schalk

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## REACHING OUT IN GRACE

\*\*VOICES UNITED **584** *Through the Heart of Every City*

\*\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Unsquare Toccata* S. Lesley