

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 15, 2023—10am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"Just As I Am" arr. by Joel Raney

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

# Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*Refrain*

*Kwa - ke*    *Ye - su na - si - ma - ma,*    *ndi - ye*  
Here on    Je - sus Christ I will stand.    He's the

*mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*    *Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -*  
sol - id rock of my life.    He's the sol - id rock of my

*ma,*    *ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*  
life.    He's the sol - id rock of my life.

verses on next page

refrain on previous page

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

*Refrain*

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966  
Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer  
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+ Greeting

ELW p.165

+ Prayer of the Day

ELW p.49

**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

<b>First Reading</b>	Exodus 32:1-14
<b>Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23</b>	ELW #106
<b>+ Gospel Acclamation</b>	ELW p.171
<b>+ Gospel Reading</b>	Matthew 22:1-14
<b>Young at Heart Message &amp; Sermon</b>	The Rev. Leslie D. Weber
<b>+ Song of the Day</b>	ELW #599
<b>+ Apostles' Creed</b>	ELW p.105
<b>+ Prayers of Intercession</b>	God of grace, <b>hear our prayer.</b>
<b>+ Peace</b>	

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!*

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<b>+ Offering Prayer</b>	
<b>+ Great Thanksgiving</b>	ELW p.172
<b>+ Proper Preface</b>	
<b>+ Sanctus</b>	ELW p.173
<b>+ Thanksgiving at the Table</b>	
<b>+ Lord's Prayer</b>	ELW p.173
<b>+ Invitation to Communion</b>	

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

**Distribution Song**

ELW #496

**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

ELW #631

**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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