“For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self…” Romans 7:22

CALL TO WORSHIP: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. Let us gather in worship.

INVOCATION: We praise you, we worship you, we adore you. You hold the heavens in your hand; all stars rejoice in your glory. You come in the sunrise and the song of morning and bless the splendor of the noonday. We praise you, we worship you, we adore you, even as we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us when he said, “Our Father….”

ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 99

1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
   He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
   Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
   They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees,
   and the statutes that he gave them.
8 O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them,
   but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
9 Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
   for the LORD our God is holy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING: Romans 7:14-25

14 For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin.[a] 15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. 17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind,
making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

MEDITATION: Our Human Conflict

BENEDICTION: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen