

Strawbridge UMC

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 9, 2022 (8:30am)

Centering Words – (*Psalm 66, Mark 14:32-36, Jeremiah 29:4-7*)

Are we stuck in the past? Have we lost hope for the future? God's people with these questions are told, "Do not despair. Build houses of joy. Plant gardens of faith. Offer thanks and praise to the Living God. All will indeed be made well."

Call to Worship:

Sing God's praises.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

We have walked through fire and water with heavy burdens on our backs.

But God has led us into a spacious place to plant gardens of faith,

Rejoice in the Lord. Again, I say rejoice!

Build houses of joy and shout glory to our God. Let us worship in gratitude and praise.

Morning Prayer—

Voices of Inspiration ~

- **Come and Go with Me** (T.P. #583)

- **Order My Steps** (T.P. #328)

Notices and Announcements – Rose Allen

Prayer...

Sermonic Selection – *Good to Know, Jesus*

Scripture: Mark 14:32-36

Message: *Our Contemplative Practice*

Closing Selection ~ **Till We Gather Again** (T.P. #629)

Offertory Prayer and Benediction:

Go forth, remembering to make time for God. He wishes for us to talk to Him daily. He is no stranger. Know Him as God, Lord, Brother and Friend. **Amen.**