WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *O Worship the King* arr/ Robert Groth and Kevin McChesney
Aldersgate Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John Ranson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 99:1-5
The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and wondrous name!
Holy is the Lord!
Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God. Worship at the Lord's footstool!
Holy is the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN** *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* UMH #64

***OPENING PRAYER** BOW #462
Our Heavenly, father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name we love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
(The Book of Worship 1944)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 33:12-23

ANTHEM *A Simple Celebration* arr/Kevin McChesney
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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:34-43

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

***PRAYER HYMN** *"There's a Wideness in God's mercy"* UMH #121

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Melissa Herke

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *My Heart Ever Faithful* J. S. Bach, arr/Lani Smith

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON "Astonishing Words!" Rev David Westmoreland

***CLOSING HYMN** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* UMH #577

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**
Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

POSTLUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* arr/ Gordon Young

**Please stand as you are able*

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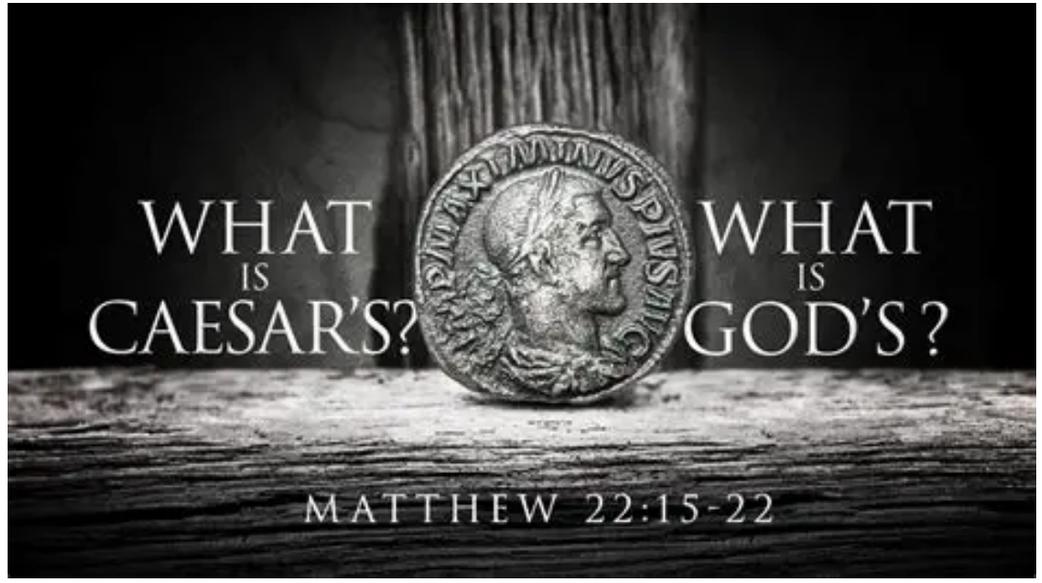

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