



## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 3, 2021**

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren't sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the 'gallery' and 'active speaker' modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

## **GATHERING**

CALL TO WORSHIP\* (adapted from Psalm 8:1-5, 9)

O LORD, our Sovereign,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark  
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SONG - Vagabonds

Come all you vagabonds,  
come all you "don't belongs,"  
winners and losers, come, people like me.  
Come all you travellers  
tired from your journey,  
come wait awhile, stay awhile,  
welcome you'll be.

Come those who worry  
'bout houses and money  
and all those who don't have a care in the world.  
From ev'ry station and orientation,  
the helpless, the hopeless,  
the young and the old.

Come all you questioners  
looking for answers,  
and searching for reasons and sense in it all.  
Come all you fallen  
and come all you broken,  
find strength for your body  
and food for your soul.

Come all believers  
and dreamers and schemers  
and come all you restless just searching for home.  
Movers and shakers  
and givers and takers,  
the happy, the sad,  
the lost and alone.

Refrain:

Come to the feast,  
there is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place  
with the God of all kindness who welcomes us in  
with the wonder of love and the power of grace,  
the wonder of love and the power of grace.

SONG - The Kingdom of God/El Reino de Dios

The kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us  
the gates of your kingdom.

El reino de Dios es reino de paz,  
justicia y alegría.  
Ven, Dios, y abre en mí  
las puertas del reino.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Welcoming God,  
we confess that your wide embrace to all people  
sometimes makes us uncomfortable.  
We pay lip service to inclusion  
but exclude people who are different from us.  
We say that all are welcome,  
but stay within our bubbles of security and comfort.  
We spend so much time trying to belong  
that we do not extend belonging to others.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
and as you welcomed the little children to your reign,  
help us to find courage and compassion  
to go beyond ourselves,  
to reach out in welcome as you did,  
that all people might bear witness  
to your great love.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## SONG - Build a Longer Table

Build a longer table,  
not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger,  
making room for all.  
Feasting together  
stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces;  
false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge,  
not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter  
mercy will not fail.  
For any place  
where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail walls,  
freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway,  
not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people,  
sparing no expense.  
When we embrace  
compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences,  
all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles,  
refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway  
to the reign of God.  
So must our tables  
welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded;  
all must find a home.

## WORD

### EPISTLE LESSON - Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

### GOSPEL LESSON\* - Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON - Pastor Aaron

## **RESPONSE**

SONG - God, Give Me Faith like a Child

God, give me faith like a child—  
faith of hows, and whats, and whys;  
faith that wonders, laughs, and cries;  
faith to grow, explore, and find  
all that moves my searching mind—  
God give me faith like a child.

God, give me love like a child—  
love of overflowing grace;  
love that's eager to embrace;  
love that calls to dance and play  
everyone who comes my way—  
God, give me love like a child.

God, give me hope like a child—  
hope of daydreams and delight;  
hope that seeks beyond my sight;  
hope that sings in spite of fear  
when the future isn't clear—  
God, give me hope like a child.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY\*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Holy Baptism (#934) - Oliver Moore  
[\*\(baptism liturgy can be found here\)\*](#)

SONG\* - Baptized in Water

Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation,  
trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of one Father,  
we are his children,  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb of Christ, our King;  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

HOLY COMMUNION

## **SENDING**

SONG\* - Your Love Is Washing Over Me

Your love is washing over me,  
your love is washing over me.  
Your love is washing over me,  
and I won't be frightened any more.

2. Your grace is washing over me...

3. Your joy is washing over me...

4. Your hope is washing over me...

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*