

Worship Service ~ October 16, 2022, 9:00

19th Sunday of Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Jane Knudsen
in honor of her 90th Birthday October 15.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG ELW #834 *IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE*
stz 1, 2

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *children are welcome to attend Sunday School. We also have a staffed nursery available for those ages 0-3.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

~Silence for reflection~

L: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

L: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O Lord God,

**C: tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"*
arr. David Mennicke; Faith Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174 *CELTIC ALLELUIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 18th chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Joy McElroy, Cherish All Children

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #742 *WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS*
stz 1, 2

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear –
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.

MUSICAL OFFERING The Bells of Faith

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Receive the grace of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

After you receive Communion you may either exit the Sanctuary or you are welcome to return to your seat and join in singing.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMN ELW #522 *AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE* stz 1, 2, 3

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion o forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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