

October 3, 2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**All may stand as able*

Liturgist: David Perry

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

David Perry

Prelude

Chorale on “Lobe den Herren”

arr. Stan Pethel

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise be to God who reigns in the Heavens.

People: Praise be to God who dwells in our hearts.

Leader: Let everyone who has breath, praise the Lord.

People: Let each man, woman and child pray in faith.

Leader: Let us seek first the Kingdom of God.

People: The promises of God are true, when we seek the Lord with all our hearts, we will find him.

All: Praise be to God.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

INVOCATION (Unison)

Dr. Dawson Harmon

God of our fathers, Lord of our lives, we worship you and we lift our voices to praise you. As you have revealed your will and ways in the past, we ask that you reveal them to us now. Unite us in mission. Give us insight into your will. Strengthen us from within and without. Empower us to do your work; for we are your people, called and gifted to make your ways known. Amen.

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Wise and powerful God, you have given us insight and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and often lose our way.

You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength sufficient for each day, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted.

Bring us back into your presence, O God: overcome our separation from one another and you. By your Word and Spirit, fill us with the gifts that equip us to meet life's demands, so that we may better reflect your radiance in the world and live in the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

David Perry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:10-15

ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. R. Lamb

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot
Thou has taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend, “even so”, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:44-46

SERMON

“Seeking and Finding”

Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*** AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from Enter Every Trembling Heart
by John Killinger

**I believe in God Almighty, who sets life before us as a course to be run and gives us bodies and minds with which to run it.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, who has shown us what it is to run with commitment and has revealed in His resurrection the reward to those who finish the course.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes into us the strength to run long distance, the wisdom to pace ourselves, and the love to respect all other runners.
I believe in the Church Universal, that gives us a sense of fellowship as we run, and the feeling that if anything happens on the course we shall be supported by those who care.
I believe in Life Everlasting, where the course we have run in this life gives way to a course finer than any we have ever known, and where our spirits shall run with a grace and beauty we have not yet experienced.
I believe-and because I believe, I run better! Amen.**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Take My Life

arr. John Purifoy

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee

*** THE DOXOLOGY**

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dr. Dawson Harmon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN 621** *I Will Call Upon the Lord* I WILL CALL

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Dr. Dawson Harmon

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Go Now in Peace* Don Besig

*** Postlude** *Allegro Energico* Christian Cappelen
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Prayer Concerns

for our church family . . .

George McLean	John Holcomb	Margaret Linville
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Martha Martin
Vernon Clark	Steve Mannich	Laura Reichert
Terri Clark	Anne Thomas	Chip Prevatt

for our extended family . . .

Grace Miller	Bill & Julie Wills	Garry Vincent
C. J. Fonte	Kennon Little	Donnie Bates
Clara Beach	Trent Schindler	Zoe
Jessica Watkins	Heather Odell	Fred Esleck
Mary Hammett	Margaret Stallings	Deborah Waldron
Shirley Lafan	Debra Jackson	Mona Looser
Rebecca Mueller	Ronnie Eades	Sonia Burrage
Rachel Justice	Caitlin Lindsey	Cheryl Kelley
Janice Scholl	Tom Winter	Dana Walden
Uwe Bach	Johnny Orr	Jeff Hamrick
Julia Waldo	Jay Cleveland	Ed Vermeulen
Jim & Norma Carroll	Paul & Sarah Drake	David Ross
Shirlyn & Gary McKenzie	Derek & Lauren Webber	
Charles Taylor	Robert Wilkerson	



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