

October 8, 2023
19th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Pastorale" Zipoli
"Offertoire" Boëllmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Ginnie Gibson

INTROIT "Soliloquy (Prayer)" Helman
Sanctuary Bell Choir

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Keep watch for a word from the Lord. Hab. 2:1, 4
The righteous will live by their faith.
In Jesus Christ we know the glory of God; Heb. 1:3
he sustains all things by his mighty word.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 1:8-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS John 3:5, 2 Cor. 5:17
... In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

+**HYMN:** GTG #70 "What Does the Lord Require of You?" MOON
(We will sing this as a canon; follow the choir)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rom 6:13

OFFERTORY "Festival Fanfare" Krug
Sanctuary Bell Choir

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Heidelberg Catechism
(Germany, 1563)

49. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?
First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.
Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that
Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.
Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding
pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the
things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 O.T. page 51

PSALM Psalm 19
The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.

GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14 N.T. page 153

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:33-46 N.T. page 18

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Gray
"You'll See My Kingdom (Within These Walls, Beyond the Doors)"

SERMON "Then God Spoke All These Words..." Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us" ARGENTINA
(sing twice)

+**BLESSING** Rev. 22:20-21
... The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
Amen!

+**CHARGE** 1 John 3:23
... and to love one another as he commanded.
Thanks be to God!

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** Schubert, arr. Hopson
"Christ, Now Go Before Us"

POSTLUDE "Nocturne for the Left Hand, Op. 9 no. 2" Scriabin

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

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SERVING US TODAY

Guest Pianist: Yi-Hui Chen

Liturgist: Eva Schlenner

Greeters: Dan and Melissa Baker

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by Jane Somerville in memory of Lange Somerville and Louise Allen and by Mary Ozee in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mary and Will Ozee

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#55. Galatians:

Paul probably wrote his letter to the churches in Galatia — in which he rebukes them for departing from the Gospel! — during his long stay in Ephesus. (c. AD 54-55)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 99. What is the fourth commandment?

“Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy” (Ex. 20:8; Deut. 5:12).

Question 100. What do you learn from this commandment?

God requires a special day to be set apart so that worship can be at the center of my life. It is right to honor God with thanks and praise, and to hear and receive God’s Word, so that I may have it in my heart, and on my lips, and put it into practice in my life.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:15 am
	Crop Walk	2:00 pm
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Friends!	3:30 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 pm
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Chloë Caltrider	Oct. 9
Kaitlyn Caltrider	Oct. 9
Doreen Chapman	Oct. 14

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Moses and the Ten Commandments
artist unknown, Netherlands, early 1600s

The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)