

September 27, 2020— 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Our Mission as Christ Followers is to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World. This is the Journey of Faith.

GATHERING SONGS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away. Hear these words of forgiveness. Be strengthened to walk as disciples. Trust in God's mercy. When we open our hearts and our lives to Christ, God's forgiveness is truly ours.

ALL: We will complete God's joy, by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come, let us worship God who provides for us.

ALL: Even though we whine and complain, God hears our cries.

P: Lift your voice in praise, for God has come to comfort you.

ALL: Thanks be to God who forgives and heals our wounded souls.

P: Come, celebrate God's steadfast love.

ALL: Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to your words. Amen.

WORSHIP SETTING THREE

HYMN OF PRAISE:

O Master, Let Me Walk #229 vs. 1 & 2

(words projected)

OPENING PRAYER

P: God of second chances,

ALL: You are always there for us. In the midst of our grumbling, we yearn to find the strength of our convictions. In the course of our struggles, we long to soldier humbly on, forsaking positions of power and authority. We want to work gladly in your vineyard, without thought of reward or acknowledgement. Renew us in your compassion and grace, that our eyes may be opened to your presence and our minds may filled with the very mind of Christ. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

FIRST READING:

Exodus 17:1-7

P: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Philippians 2:1-13

P: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

HALLELUJAH:

"Glory be to you, O Lord"

(Before reading)

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GOSPEL:

"Praise be to you, O Christ"

(After reading)

Matthew 21:23-32

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HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" vs. 1 - 2

(words projected)

MESSAGE:

"Is God Here With Us, or Not?"

Pastor Ken Waag

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" vs. 3

(words projected)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: Lord in your mercy.

ALL: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING INVITATION:

P: It's easy to look to our own interests, but God calls us to look to the interest of others. For in so doing, we share the mind of Christ. Let us dedicate ourselves to lives of generosity and service, as we collect today's offering.

PERSONAL OFFERING RESPONSE:

WAYS TO GIVE



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Great Falls MT 59404

SPECIAL OFFERING: CARE TEAM

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: God of overflowing abundance,

ALL: When your people suffered from thirst, you satisfied their need with water from a rock. Receive our gifts this day, O God, and transform our gifts into blessing that grace the lives of others like an ever-flowing stream. Receive our thanks and our praise, our industry and our love, that all might share your manifold blessings. Amen.

MEAL OF OUR LORD

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

THE BLESSING

BENEDICTION:

P: May you go forth with humble hearts, ready to serve your neighbor and a world in need. Go to share encouragement in Christ. Go to offer consolation in love. Go to spread the gifts of the Spirit. Go to make God's joy complete. Do these things and you will truly live.

ALL: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

○ Master, Let Me Walk #229 vs. 3 & 4

(words projected)

THE SENDING:

P: Go forth to share God's love with all.

ALL: We will become a river of love through the world.

P: Go forth to share Christ's grace.

ALL: We will be a fountain flowing in the barren places.

P: Go forth to share the community of the Spirit.

ALL: We will become a pool of peace where all may be refreshed. Amen.

POSTLUDE