



WE IMPLORE YOU
ON CHRIST'S BEHALF:

Be
RECONCILED
to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20, NIV

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Great God: you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love and gratitude that we may sing praises to you, and joyfully honor your name in our worship, in our actions and in our giving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
Justin S. Little

Kosche

SPECIAL MUSIC

Monumental Love
Quest Kids

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Kathelene White

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant...
it will not be like the old covenant.

ALL: *Written on stone.*

One: This will be a radically new covenant, my laws will be within you

ALL: *Written on hearts.*

One: And God added these wonderful words – I am your God and you are my people.

ALL: *Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God, so that we know you in all your fullness, love you as you love us, and worship you as you deserve.
Let us worship God.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 744 *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

FESTAL SONG

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Rev. John White

One: Merciful God, you send us to speak good news to those who are oppressed, but we confess that we are often shallow witnesses of your presence. When we fail to translate the language of our hearts into one that includes all people:

ALL: *Living God, forgive us and renew our lives with your Spirit.*

One: When we alienate others by our judgmental and hard-hearted attitudes:

ALL: *Living God, forgive us and renew our lives with your Spirit.*

One: When our witness fails to reveal a heartfelt desire to spread the good news of peace, love, justice and mercy to a world sorely in need of such news:
ALL: *Living God, forgive us and renew our lives with your Spirit. We come to you in penitence and faith, praying that your love – so clearly communicated by Jesus – will be rewritten on our hearts and revealed in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see, everything has become new! We have been reconciled to God through Christ and all this is from God who does not count our trespasses against us – but entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
(based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-19)
The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are renewed, we are loved, and we are forgiven.
ALL: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lucas + Miguel Castro

Rev. John White

(see insert)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (Hymn 486)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Molly Richardson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathelene White

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:4-9 (pg. 2)

Kathelene White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *2 Corinthians 5:16-21* (pg.181)

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Why Are You a Person of Value?

Rev. John White

OFFICER PRESENTATION OF PLEDGE CARDS

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23*)

Kathelene White

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

ALL: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!*

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Brighten the Corner
Chancel Choir

Kathelene White
Gabriel

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Kathelene White

***HYMN: 693** *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

SENDING

CHARGE + BENEDECTION

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDECTION

Go with Us Lord
Chancel Choir

Tallis

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune
Justin S. Little

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