



And the peace of God,
which surpasses
all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

☞ Philippians 4:7, ESV ☞

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 2023

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Gracious God: you have invited us to feast in your promised kingdom. May we never be so busy taking care of things that we cannot turn to you, and thankfully celebrate the power of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Justin Little

Held

SPECIAL MUSIC

Father Abraham
Quest Kids

Kartner

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 19:1-4*)

Elder David Greene

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Who are we who gather here for worship?

People: *We are those who long to be drawn near to God; we are those who confess sin and need forgiveness; we are those who remember Jesus and have hope.*

Leader: Why do we gather here for worship?

People: *We gather to remember and celebrate our Christian story; we gather to be touched and healed by divine love.*

Leader: Let us give thanks; let us praise God whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.

ALL: *Praise the Lord!*

*HYMN: 363 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Leader: We praise you, O God, with words of thanksgiving in our mouths and in our hearts—words which can never really do justice to the depth of your care for us.

People: *We rejoice in your blessings, yet we so often fail to live up to them. Like your people of old, we often desire to fashion you in our image or in ways that we can control. We want you to do our will.*

Leader: Yet, knowing these failings of ours as you do, you still invite us to share your life of grace and abundant love by being united with Jesus Christ through the power of your Spirit.

ALL: *We do not deserve such gifts. We can only receive them and respond because Jesus intercedes for us in our weakness. May this time of worship and our daily living proclaim our thanksgiving for these undeserved and lavish gifts of grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

Leader: Paul urged his hearers to stand firm in the Lord and to rejoice in the Lord always. (*Philippians 4:2,4*) We are empowered to do these things "because God has forgiven us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. God set this aside, nailing it to the cross." (*Colossians 2:13,14*)

ALL: *Thanks be to God for his gracious forgiveness! 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

ANTHEM

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Macey + Noah Berry

Townend

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

NEW MEMBER

Lisa + R.M. English (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Rev. John White

RECEPTION:

Blest be the Tie that Binds (Hymn 306)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

***HYMN: 821 My Life Flows On**

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

MINUTE FOR MISSION: MONEY – THAT DREADED “M” WORD

Elder Robert Reeves

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder David Greene

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 4:1-9 (page 198-199)*

Elder David Greene

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Accentuate the Positive

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

Elder David Greene

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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

OFFERING

Elder David Greene

OFFERTORY

Make Me a Blessing / His Eye is on the Sparrow

Hall

Justin Little

*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

Elder David Greene

SENDING

***HYMN: 541** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Stainer

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

German

Justin Little