

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
October 3, 2021, 9:00 am

Prelude *“Sing Aloud To God, Our Strength”* (by Robert Hughes) Cathy Namock, organist

Introduction

Today’s gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus’ saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God’s law. Jesus’ rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

GATHERING

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

“All Are Welcome” (vs. 1 & 5)

Hymn #641

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely
live, a place where saints and children tell how
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace: here the love of
Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome,
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as
words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house
proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome,
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2:18–24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

"Borning Cry" (by John C. Ylvisaker)

Tom Pendergast

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2–16

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

"Whose Kingdom?"

Pastor Tricia Lowe

Hymn of the Day

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymn #807

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Reception of New Members

Richard Fine
Michael French
Sandra Grassia
Elvita Landau

Susan Mercier
Suzanne Stump
Larry & Nancy Taylor
Noelle Turner

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**Who was born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.**

P: We rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

L: Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, especially our own Gail Kenny, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. We especially celebrate the new members we received today, bless our ministry together at Emmanuel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world. If you are worshiping with us today online and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P: Gathered together as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready. Come, for this is the body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: Amen.

Communion Blessing

Communion Hymn

"All Are Welcome" (vs. 3)

Hymn #641

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and
wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where
peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in
Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome,
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Prayer after Communion

P: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✚ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessings” (vs. 1 & 3)

Hymn #543

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

### **Members**

*Bonnie Kain*

*Cris Spahr*

*Chuck Lynch*

*Compton Reeves*

*Helen Morton*

*Isabel Benell*

*Kat Harley-Mays*

*Kathy Austin*

*Kevin Miller*

*Mary Austin*

*Mike Green*

*Ramona Walker*

*Rhonda Medina*

*Ron Kovara*

*Stan Walters*

*Sue Smith*

### **Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

*Meg Northrup*

### **Family Members and Friends**

*Asher Stuart – great grandson of Nancy Renner*

*Barbie Harlib – friend of Emmanuel*

*Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats*

*Bill Trancik – fiancé of Sheila Smilgis*

*Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley*

*Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley*

*Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny*

*Connie – friend of Helen Morton*

*Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze*

*Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer*

*Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats*

*Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman*

*Eddie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller*

*Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin*

*Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld*

*John Wade – husband of Carol Wade*

*Julie Ward – daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock*

*Kay & Dave & their families – friends of Bert & Kathy Austin*

*Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley*

*Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara*

*Lyle Gilson - son of Carol Hotten*

*Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law*

*Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin*

*Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith*

*Mary Leavy – mother of Kathie Siggs*

*Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary*

*Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz*

*Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel*

*Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler*

*Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler*

*Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn*

*Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto*

*Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm*

*Ryan Blair – great grandson of Carol Hotten*

*Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler*

*Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade*

*Stacy – daughter-in-law of Kathy Austin*

*Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul*

*Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel*

*Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis*

*Our prayer and sympathies to the family of Gwen Savage. Gwen passed away September 23.*

**Someone is in the church office** Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays. Wednesdays will be from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please check in at the office when you arrive so we know who is in the building. Please call 772-4135 about the building availability, if you want to use a room for bible study, meeting, etc.

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of **October** is Liberty Traditional School.

**Our next Interfaith Meal** is October 8 at 11:00 am. We are now serving 130 – 150 takeout meals. If you are able to help, please let Mary Jensen know.

**The Ark** is full and we have taken the animals over to Yavapai Family Advocacy Center. Thank you for your generosity!

**Devotionals for the next quarter** are available on the table in the narthex.

**Wednesday Lectionary 10am Bible Study** in the Fellowship Hall has resumed. Facilitators are Larry Gordon and Hal Vogelaar.

**Today is Food Bank Sunday** - We continue to collect items for the Prescott Valley Food Bank at 8781 Spouse. Items most needed are cereal, canned soup (especially hearty soups), canned chili and canned vegetables (other than green beans and corn). Cash donations are always appreciated.

**Thrivent Member Action Cards** – Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. If you haven't used yours, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal.

**Due to the sharp increase of Covid-19 cases** in our area, (15.8% positivity rate) the church council at the recommendation of the Church in a Changing World Task Force has stepped our pandemic reopening back to Stage 4 which includes masking and other safety precautions.

**Shares of Faith**, financial gifts, are a wonderful means of honoring, celebrating and memorializing your loved ones. They are given for life events as well as deaths. Your Shares of Faith will be acknowledged in our weekly service folder.

**Our quilters** meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. If you are a quilter or you'd like to learn, come and join in!

**Thrivent Action Cards** – Outreach Ministry is looking for 2 cards for God's Work our Hands for the first Saturday in November. If you have a card available, see Mary in the office.