

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
September 19, 2021, 9:00 am

Prelude

Jim Klein piano, Katie Staudt handbells

“This Little Light of Mine” (arr. by Mark Albrecht)

Introduction

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

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: All 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

Hymn #588

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heav’n.
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement giv’n.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today’s reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God’s word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Piano, Jim Klein, Handbells, Katie Staudt & Eileen Klein
Vocalist, Sue Boyce & Eileen Klein

“Ei heising frå mor” (Composer: Sveinung Hølmekjakk)

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

“A Different Kind of Welcome”

“*Children of the Heavenly Father*” (vs. 1 & 2)

Children of the heav’nly Father safely in his boom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish,
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Apostle’s Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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.

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. Amen.

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: God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict, especially Afghanistan. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness, especially those affected by the global pandemic. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. 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: God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*). Shine your grace on all your saints. 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

Piano, Jim Klein, Handbells, Katie Staudt
Vocalists, Sue Boyce & Eileen Klein

“Prayer Litany (Prayer of St. Francis)” (by Helen Kemp)

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

Hymn #538

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.
The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Cathy Namock, Organist

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

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***We are very privileged to hear from a fine group of musicians today. Jim Klein, Katie Staudt, Suzanne Boyce, and Eileen Klein are sharing their talents with us once again. We appreciate their gifts to our congregation.***

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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**

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|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Bonnie Kain</i>    | <i>Inge Scholl</i>     | <i>Mary Austin</i>   | <i>Stan Walters</i> |
| <i>Cris Spahr</i>     | <i>Isabel Benell</i>   | <i>Mike Green</i>    | <i>Sue Smith</i>    |
| <i>Chuck Lynch</i>    | <i>Kat Harley-Mays</i> | <i>Ramona Walker</i> |                     |
| <i>Compton Reeves</i> | <i>Kathy Austin</i>    | <i>Rhonda Medina</i> |                     |
| <i>Helen Morton</i>   | <i>Kevin Miller</i>    | <i>Ron Kovara</i>    |                     |

**Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

*Meg Northrup*

**Family Members and Friends**

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| <i>Asher Stuart – great grandson of Nancy Renner</i>                            | <i>Lyle Gilson - son of Carol Hotten</i>                                                                 |
| <i>Barbie Harlib – friend of Emmanuel</i>                                       | <i>Marie – Clara Farmer’s son’s mother-in-law</i>                                                        |
| <i>Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats</i>                          | <i>Mark Erickson – friend of Mark &amp; Mary Austin</i>                                                  |
| <i>Bill Trancik – fiancé of Sheila Smilgis</i>                                  | <i>Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara</i>                                                                   |
| <i>Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley</i>                                     | <i>Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue &amp; Tom Smith</i>                                                    |
| <i>Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley</i>                                     | <i>Mary Leavy – mother of Kathie Siggs</i>                                                               |
| <i>Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny</i>                                | <i>Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary</i>                                                         |
| <i>Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara</i>                                   | <i>Miranda &amp; Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim &amp; Carole Rebholz</i>               |
| <i>Connie – friend of Helen Morton</i>                                          | <i>Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel</i>                                                                  |
| <i>Connie Miller &amp; son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze</i>                 | <i>Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry &amp; Sonya Mahler</i>                                       |
| <i>Cris &amp; Susie – brother &amp; sister of Clara Farmer</i>                  | <i>Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel &amp; Granddaughter of Audrey, friend of Larry &amp; Sonya Mahler</i> |
| <i>Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats</i>                                | <i>Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn</i>                                                              |
| <i>Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman</i>                                   | <i>Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto</i>                                                              |
| <i>Eddie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller</i>                                    | <i>Rudy &amp; Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm</i>                                                |
| <i>Edward Kelly – friend of Mark &amp; Mary Austin</i>                          | <i>Ryan Blair – great grandson of Carol Hotten</i>                                                       |
| <i>Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld</i>                                   | <i>Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler</i>                                                              |
| <i>Joel Kain – son of Bonnie Kain</i>                                           | <i>Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade</i>                                                           |
| <i>John Wade – husband of Carol Wade</i>                                        | <i>Stacy – daughter-in-law of Kathy Austin</i>                                                           |
| <i>Julie Ward – daughter of Keith &amp; Cathy Namock</i>                        | <i>Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul</i>                                                                |
| <i>Kay &amp; Dave &amp; their families – friends of Bert &amp; Kathy Austin</i> | <i>Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel</i>                                                                |
| <i>Kent Freeland – son-in-law of Donna &amp; A.E. Morgan</i>                    | <i>Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis</i>                                                     |
| <i>Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley</i>                                  |                                                                                                          |
| <i>Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara</i>                                     |                                                                                                          |

**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.

**Challenge for the Commercial Refrigerator** donations have met the church's one half of the expense. We thank all who have been so generous in making this project a success.

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of **September** is HUSD Feed the Hungry Kids Program. This program is for all children in our school district. Bags filled with food items are distributed each Friday during the school year to the children who otherwise would not have anything to eat over the weekend. Currently the program hands out 120 plus bags each week. Food items such as a loaf of bread, small jars of peanut butter and jelly, fruit snack cups, ramen noodles, individual cereal packs, a can of tuna, ravioli, or spaghetti O's, along with an apple, orange or raisins are included in the backpack. Backpacks are filled on Friday morning and then taken to the schools.

**Our next Interfaith Meal** is September 24 at 11:00 am. We are now serving 150 takeout meals. If you are able to help, please let Mary Jensen know.

**The Ark** – Look for the ark in the narthex. We hope to fill it with new stuffed animals for the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center. No bears or bunnies, please. Animals are given to children in crisis. Deadline for bringing in stuffed animals is Friday, September 24.

**Devotionals for September** are available on the table in the narthex.

**Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study** at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall has resumed. Facilitators are Larry Gordon and Hal Vogelaar.

**Food Bank** - We are again collecting items for the Prescott Valley Food Bank at 8781 Spouse for pickup on the First Sunday of the Month. Items most needed are cereal, canned soup especially hearty soups, canned chili & canned vegetables other than green beans & 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!

**Interested in Membership?** We are preparing a new member class with the joining of new members on Sunday, October 3. If you have an interest in becoming a member of Emmanuel, please let Pastor Tricia know or call the church office at 772-4135.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> is HOMECOMING SUNDAY.** See the postcard in the service folder for ideas as to what to say when you call your friends to invite them to attend with you.

**Thrivent Action Cards** – Outreach Ministry is looking for two cards for God's Work our Hands for the first in November.