

SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 AM

October 4, 2026 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Tomlin, Newton, Giglio

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:

- NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND SMART WATCHES
- WELCOME TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY

[Please stand as you are able]

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **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.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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,

C: **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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Day / High and Exalted

*This is the day
That the Lord has made
I will rejoice and celebrate
This is the day
That the Lord has made
I will rejoice I will rejoice
And celebrate
He goes before me (ECHO)
He walks beside me (ECHO)
He lives within me
He's the lover of my soul
He's my defender (ECHO)
He's my provider (ECHO)
His overflowing mercies
Are brand new every day
He is high and exalted and worthy of praise
With our hearts we will love and adore
He is high and exalted and worthy of praise
Holy is the Lord
Holy holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy holy is the Lord*

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...(silence) Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

[Please sit]

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Charles Maggs

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-15

L: Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

C: You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.

L: The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

C: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

L: Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

**C: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

L: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted

SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

Lector: A reading from Philippians.

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

mf Al - le - lu - ia, *f* al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

cresc. Speak, Lord, your ser-vant is lis - ten-ing;

cresc. you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. **D.C.**

cresc. Your words, Lord, are Spir - it and life;

cresc. you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. **D.C.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture

P: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the people: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Please sit]

SERMON

Pastor Finley

[Please stand as you are able]



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' 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 into hell.
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 THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A: Lord of hosts, you desire justice and righteousness from us, but in our thoughts, words and deeds we reject your ways. Plant within us, once again, your love. Watch over us and direct us so that we may produce the sweet fruits of your Spirit on our journey in faith.

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

A: Guardian of the lost, we pray for those who have wandered away from the faith, for those who feel driven out, for those who feel abandoned by you, for all who think you have broken your promises to be with them always. Restore their connections to you. Use us to help you bring them back through our care for them. Always keep us mindful of their needs.

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

A: Righteous Lord, you alone provide all we need. Loss and grief surround many of your children this day. Give us compassion and teach us ways to reach out in your name so that others may share the many blessings we possess

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

A: Compassionate Lord God, sadness, illness and fear have fallen on many, crushing them with a hopelessness that seems endless. Be with your children as we name them in our hearts and with our voices now...(long pause) Protect them and plant within them the hope only you can give.

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards



Let the vine yards be fruit-full Lord Fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing

6
Ga-ther a har-vest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life

10
Ga-ther the hopes and the dreams of all. U-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.

14
And grace our ta - ble with your pre-sence and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

arr. by Chad Watkins

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

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 God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God Al - migh - ty

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

arr. by Chad Watkins

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, your chosen people.
Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his 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.

For as often as we eat of his body and drink of his blood
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with Christ's body and blood
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 & FRACTURE

P: This is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

C: Lord, give us this bread always.

[Please sit]

LAMB OF GOD



Oh Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world Oh

Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the whole world Have me-rcy

me-rcy on us. Have me-rcy me-rcy on us.

arr. by Chad Watkins

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MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

[Please stand as you are able]

TABLE BLESSING

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Newcomers Classes starts today, October 4. For more information, please see the flyer on the Information Table.
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SENDING

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Glorify God. Spread the Word.

C: Love One Another.

POSTLUDE