NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Sleepers, Wake!* J. S. Bach

from Psalm 40

CALL TO WORSHIP Dick Clapp

We wait patiently for the Lord
who draws close to us and hears our cries.
Who gathers us up and sets our feet upon a rock.
Who puts a new song in our mouths,
a song of praise to our God.
Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

***HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of favor, we have not been true to you.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have favored the rich and despised the poor.
We have dismissed the needy with empty words.
Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.
Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you.

(a moment for silent reflection)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 804** (v. 1) *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Deep River* arr. Mark Hayes
(The Chancel Choir)

Deep river – my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord – I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace? (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:1-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *No Bull* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Let My People Go* Spiritual
(Isaac Mingus, bass and Steven Phillips, piano)

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *The Study Catechism* (1998)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Dick Clapp

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
God kept God's promises.
All that we can ever hope for
was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 846** *Fight the God Fight* DUKE STREET

Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Steven Phillips

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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