LITURGY FOR OCTOBER 11, 2020
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Words **Josie and Rich Drushal**

The depth, breadth and height of God's creation knows no bounds.
We are called to be stewards of God's world.
Who is exempt from the love of God?
Even though we turn away from God, God's love is still poured out to us.

Holy One, heal us, transform us, inspire us to do your will.
Help us work for your shalom!

Opening Prayer **Josie and Rich Drushal**

God of Life and new beginnings,
You gather us from the highways and the byways,
Calling us back to you,
No matter where we have been, or what we have done.

You show us your ways. You invite us to put on the robes of
kindness, compassion and love.

Forgive us when we turn away from you, from our neighbors;
when we give in to the cynicism and outright malice with which society treats
those who think or look differently.

Heal us from our idolatry—our love of power, our condoning of violence
by our words, deeds, or inaction.

Pour your Spirit into our hearts.
Forgive what we have been. Show us what we can be.
Take us from here inspired to serve you
with arms extended in welcome to all.
In your name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 399 God Welcomes All THEMBA AMEN

Prayer of Illumination **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:1-14 **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

22Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:[2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding

banquet, but they would not come. [4]Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited:
Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready;
come to the wedding banquet.’ [5]But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his
business, [6]while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7]The king was enraged. He sent his
troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but
those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding
banquet.’ [10]Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the
wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11]“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,
[12]and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. [13]Then
the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ [14]For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Sermon	When Non-violence Rules	**Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Invitation to Offering

Hymn No. 729	Lord, I Want To Be A Christian	I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Prayer of the People		**Josie and Rich Drushal**
Closing Hymn No. 177	I Will Come To You	YOU ARE MINE
Benediction		**Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Notes:
Hymns led by Ken Shafer, piano, and Pong Thiemmedh, tenor, guitar, drum.

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