



**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Traditional Service  
October 3, 2021**

***The Service for the Lord's Day***

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE Prelude in D

Erik Routley

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

**People: God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN

#229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**1** From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**2** In every land begin the song,  
To every land the strains belong:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In cheerful sounds all voices raise  
And fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**3** Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to  
shore,  
Till suns rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

## WE CONFESS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Loving God, you invite us to be partners in Christ with each other and with you, building up your kingdom together. But true partnership is hard; it requires vulnerability and openness to change. We use distance and control as ways to protect ourselves, unwilling to risk the uncertainty and transformation that comes from authentic partnership. Forgive us, Lord; strengthen our hearts and our faith so that we can be partners in your call to love and heal the world as the Body of Christ today.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### WE LISTEN

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Philemon, vv. 4-17

Judy Smullen

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Neighborhood Church: Making Partner”

### WE RESPOND

### HYMN

#434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

**1** Today we are all called to be  
Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captives free,  
Make plow-share out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
Make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first,  
Our ease and comfort last.

**2** God made the world and at its birth  
Ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth,  
Responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud,  
We sow not peace but strife,  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
That threatens all of life.

**3** Pray justice may come rolling down  
As in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town  
To cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
An earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for  
A harmony of peace.

**4** May we in service to our God  
Act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have  
trod  
Till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
Give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be  
Disciples of the Lord.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Nicene Creed, ecumenical version)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory As the Deer Longs

Chancel Choir

Peter Stearns

#### **Text based on Psalm 42**

As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you

I thirst for the living Lord, when shall I see the face of God

My tears have been my food, people say to me where is your God?

Why are you cast down within me, O my soul, cast down within.

#### **\*Response - #592**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so now we pray:

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Come, Ye Disconsolate

arr. Kurt Kaiser

## CLOSING HYMN

430

Come Sing, O Church , in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

**1** Come sing O church in joy  
Come join O church in song  
For Christ the Lord has led us  
Through the ages long

### Refrain

In bold accord  
Come celebrate the journey now  
And praise the Lord

**2** Long years have come and gone  
And still God reigns supreme  
Empowering us to catch the vision  
Dream the dream  
(Refrain)

**3** Let courage be our friend  
Let wisdom be our guide  
As we in mission  
Magnify the Crucified  
(Refrain)

**4** Come sing O church in joy  
Come join O church in song  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed  
Over the ages long  
(Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Cornet Voluntary

John Travers

Flowers under the cross are in heartfelt gratitude from the Deacons  
to The Rev. Sue Bennetch for her ministry at our church!

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