



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2010 – 10:00 AM

God Gathers and Forgives Us

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign and pass friendship pads.)

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Call to Worship

Our soul praises you, O Lord.

We will sing praises to you as long as we live.

We are blessed because we hope and trust in you,

O God, who created the world and everything in it.

You were a faithful God to Abraham and Lazarus, and you remain unchanging and faithful to us in this century and on to the end of time.

Praise the Lord!

* Gathering Song – *Fairest Lord Jesus (Praise! #58, red book)*

* God's Welcome and our Amen

Call to Confession

In God's presence, our lives are exposed, our words are shown for their hollowness, and our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, as we ask God to embrace us with grace and hope.

Prayer of Confession

We need to confess, O God, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

(Silence)

Words of Assurance

This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers,
I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

God has covered us with grace; under such hope we will find shelter.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Guidance - *On Eagle's Wings (Sing! #185, green book)*

Profession of Faith

* Passing of God's Peace

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

(Please extend this peace with all around you.)

Children may come forward to be welcomed to Worship Centers:

3 years old-kindergarten (room 301) - TBA, Cat Billings; 1st-2nd grade (room 303) – Kathy Thue, Marlee Harris; 3rd-5th grades (room 302) - Janet Miller.

God's Word Transforms Us

Prayer for Illumination - **Be Still and Know that God is Here** (3x)

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 32:1-15 (page 643 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Preparation - *Speak, O Lord*

1. **Speak, O Lord, as we come to you,
to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.**
2. **Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail-
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**
3. **Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us-
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.**

4. **Guide us, Lord, as we seek to grow
help us always know of your love for us.
Love that died on a cross for us,
rose from death for us, love unfailing.
Let your love be shown in our prayers and tears
for the babe just born or gray with years.
Guide us, Lord, guide our loving ways
cradle all our days for eternity.**

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Scripture Reading – Luke 16:19-31 (page 851 in the pew Bible)

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Sermon – “Not Even a Touch of Water?”

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

God Sends Us

* Song of Response – *Jesus Christ Is Waiting*

tune: Noel Nouvele

1. **Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbor, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**
2. **Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom’s causes let me rage with you.**
3. **Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.**
4. **Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion’s graveyard let me dance with you.**
5. **Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
“Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.”
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory and Collection of God's Gifts

(Please sign and pass friendship pads during collection.)

* Doxology (*no. 39*) and Prayer of Dedication

* Song of Sending – *Guide My Feet*

1. **Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.**
2. **Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.**
3. **Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.**
4. **We're your children while we run this race, we're your children while we run this race, we're your children while we run this race, for we don't want to run this race in vain.**
5. **Guide our feet while we run this race, guide our feet while we run this race, guide our feet while we run this race, for we don't want to run this race in vain.**

text and tune: African American spiritual; harm. Wendell P. Whalum

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* Changing of the Light

* Benediction

Please grasp the hand of your neighbor to physically signify our oneness in Jesus Christ. Guests and visitors, we have some fresh bread we would like to share with you today – food for your continued journey in faith.

* Postlude

* indicates portions of the service where you may stand if you so choose and are able

Bold indicates the part of the congregation