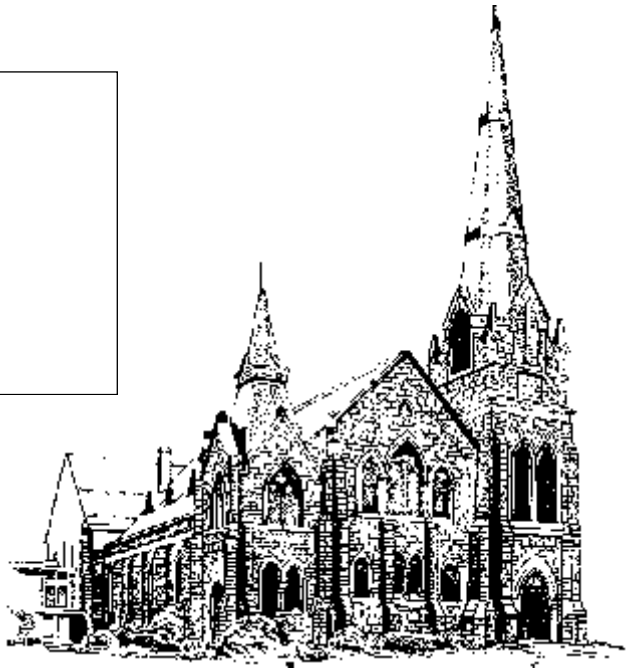


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, October 9, 2022
9:30 am
18th Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

"(The woman) needs . . . a community of forgiven and forgiving sinners. The story screams the need for a church, not just any church but one that says, 'You are welcome here.'" -Fred Craddock

PRELUDE

"Aberystwth"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

*HYMN NO. 441

“Hear The Good News of Salvation”

NETTLETON

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love..

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Refrain: *Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save me from sin!*

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

2. All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.

I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing.

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(IN UNISON)*

Too often, Lord Jesus, we believe our identity is shaped by our job, our status, our good deeds. We expect you to treat us according to our sense of ourselves. Thinking ourselves to be grown, we must nonetheless admit, Lord, how much we are like children. We become resentful over the fact that you do not do what we think you should do. We pout when a friend decides to pay more attention to someone else. Help us confess our reluctance to lose who we believe we are, so you can shape us into who we can be. You could bring disaster upon us, Lord Jesus, but you choose to give us what we don't deserve - the grace and mercy of your heart. Pour out your tenderness upon us, so you might live in us, and we might offer our lives in service to others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God not only listens to the cries on our lips, but also pays attention to the groaning of our hearts. In Christ, God restores us to wholeness, and invites us to a new way of living.

We are welcomed, we are loved, we are given new life, we are filled with peace. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*HYMN NO. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen, amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:36-43

Page 62, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ubi Caritas et Amor”
Chancel Choir

Jerry Estes

SECOND LESSON

Luke 7:44-50

Page 62, NT

SERMON

“JITQ: Do You See This Woman?”

Rev. William Schram

*HYMN NO. 436

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

O QUANTA QUALIA

1. God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unfailing.
2. Tough we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.
3. How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
we how walk forth in your greatness confiding?

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

*HYMN NO. 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XIX”

Benedetto Marcello

***Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Valerie Shondel, Music Director
Alan Smulen, Soloist
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

✝ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

✝ For more information about our church, please visit our website:

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Current and Upcoming Events and Mission Projects:

Street Fair—Volunteers Appreciated 10/2
Urban Promise Book Drive—currently accepting donations
Deacon's Fall Coat and Sweater Collection 10/2-10/23
African Dream Academy Red Bag Project—currently accepting donations
Oasis Giving Tree—To Be Announced

SOUP KITCHEN—Chef's desperately needed for the monthly Saturday soup kitchen as well as the weekly Thursday soup kitchen. Please see First Press, visit the website, or call the office for additional information.



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