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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ Commitment Sunday

September 29, 2024 ~ 8:30 AM

✠ Stand as able

PRELUDE Fugue in A Major F.W. Zachau

WELCOME, WITH JOHN WESLEY’S DIRECTIONS (1780)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.

Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

David Tripp, England, 20th Cent.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #606 Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

✠LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies. O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace.

We praise your holy name, O God.

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

✠DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

SERMON “As If Promises Matter” Rev. Michael Precht

SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

WE CONFIDE IN GOD

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O God, though we once were of the world, we now resign our hearts to you, humbly bowing before your majesty, with firm resolution in our hearts.

WE COMPOSE OUR SPIRITS

Let us pray:

O God, we wholeheartedly desire your grace, so that we might follow your call with resolve, forsake the world, turn away from sin, and turn to you. We will guard against all temptations, in good times and bad, lest they draw us away from you. We acknowledge our own powerlessness against such forces, and rely on your righteousness and strength.

Silence for confession

God is boundless in mercy and great grace, and offers us again to be our God through Christ. Therefore we solemnly pledge ourselves to God, bowing before God’s majesty.

We take you as our Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We yield our whole selves, body and soul, for your service, promising and vowing to serve you in holiness and righteousness every day of our lives.

WE CLAIM THE COVENANT

Since God has given Jesus as the only way to God, solemnly accept Jesus as the only new and living way, by which sinners may come to God. I call you to join in covenant with God.

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

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In union with Christ's offering for us, we now offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice:

We offer you our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Pour out your grace upon these offerings. And pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and this cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in the commitment we share – to honor you in all our ways.

And join our hearts as we join our voices in praying with our risen Savior:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The body and blood of Christ are shared with us, as we share our commitment with God

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Always, you are God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now, you are my Covenant-Friend.

Walk with me, and daily renew me so that I may have strength to carry my vow wherever I go. Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN #399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Finale and Fughetta* J.K.F. Fischer

The Birthday Flowers on the altar are given by Cheri & Jerry Forte to the glory of God and in memory of Cheri’s mother Rose Vredevelt. Rose brightened the lives of those she touched.

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist: Dr. Ann Pearson

Acolytes: Anne Frances Bobo, Harrison Bobo

Communion Servers: Kim and John Estes, Emily Garner, Dr. Ann Pearson

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Sadie Sease

Sound: Hackett Robertson

Usher: Mark Woodrow

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CALL TO WORSHIP Let Us Break Bread Together Sadie Sease

JOHN WESLEY’S DIRECTIONS (1780)

This covenant, I advise you to make not only in heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing; and that you would with all possible reference, spread the writing before the Lord, as if you would present it to him as you are acting indeed: and when you have done this, set your hand to it, keep it as a memorial of the solemn transactions that have passed between God and you that you may have recourse to it and doubts and temptations.

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✠SINGING OUR PRAISES All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name Shea White, Praise Band

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O God, our Covenant Friend, you have always been gracious to us; it is only your power that has brought us to this time and place.
We owe you all our thanks!
You have fill the world with glory; you have given us life and reason.
You have comforted us with family and friends; you have ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.
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When we did not know you, you called us.
When we failed you, you assured us we belong.
When we live half-heartedly, you show us a more perfect love.
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You have been our light in darkness, a rock of strength in adversity, a shield amidst temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, Almighty!

✠SINGING OUR PRAISES

Holy Forever

Children 4 years old and up can meet at the gym door for Children’s Church.
They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building. Nursery is also available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.

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(SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION)

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BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14

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Acolytes: Ford Macklem, Whit Macklem

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