



SHALLOTTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost | September 24, 2023

“SO THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST WILL BE LAST.” MATTHEW 20:16

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

(WHEN THE CHIMES TOLL, LET US SILENTLY OPEN OUR SPIRIT TO GOD'S PRESENCE.)

SINFONIA

J.S. BACH

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER (adapted from Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45)

Liturgist - Marvin Stackhouse

O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing praises to God and tell of all the LORD's wonderful works.

The LORD rescues Israel from Egypt and not one stumbles.

The LORD leads God's people out with joy and singing.

The LORD spreads a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

The LORD gives food from heaven and water from the rock.

The LORD keeps God's holy covenant with Abraham, God's servant.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

*HYMN #630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, your grace is a gift beyond measure, but we confess how we take it for granted. We assume that we are rewarded based upon our merit, instead of by your generous hand. We regard grace as a scarce commodity, rather than something to be shared in abundance. Have mercy upon us Lord. Remind us of what is right. Teach us humility and gratitude for all we have received, so that your servants may labor together to produce a harvest of righteousness.

SILENT PRAYER/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 1:21-30

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 Service)

MUSIC

"Fairest Lord Jesus "

Derek Hakes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "All Things Being Equal"

Rev. George W. Chapman III

TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (adapted from, The Confession of 1967; Part III: The Fulfillment of Reconciliation, 9.53 & 9.55)

What do we believe?

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. With an urgency born of this hope, the church strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

*Doxology #606, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Prayer of Dedication

THEN DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

*HYMN #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC



Rev. George W. Chapman III (church@atmc.net)
Kathy Sasso, Office Administrator;
Linda Rowell, Church Treasurer; Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder;
Rev. Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Philippines Mission Workers



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