

Worship Service ~ September 24, 2023, 9:00

17th Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Mary & Tony Buck
in memory of Sophie Sargeant.

PRELUDE on *Lauda Anima* (ELW #864 *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven*) by Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *WITH ALL OUR HEARTS*

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

C: you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB

SPECIAL MUSIC

"One Voice" by Ruth Moody;

Ann Quinlan-Smith, Stephanie Hogan and Kim Wetteland

R: A reading from Jonah.

Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

R: A Gospel reading from the 20th chapter of Matthew.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #669 *RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!* stz 1, 3, 5



MUSICAL OFFERING “*Be Thou My Vision*” arr.
Richard Shephard; Lisa Funk, violin; Faith Choir

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OFFERTORY SONG ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God of power,

C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG ELW #864 *PRAISE MY SOUL THE GOD OF HEAVEN*
stz 1, 2, 4

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE MUSIC on *Laude Anima* (ELW #864 *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven*) by Kenneth Kosche

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