

**September 19, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
10 a.m.**

GATHERING

"Follow Me"

by Casting Crowns

**At the end of myself
I'm empty and dry
I have nothing to give
But surrender inside
Let down your nets
This is not the end
From now on, you'll be
Fishers of men**

**Follow Me
Follow Me
Follow Me
Follow Me**

**At the end of myself
Judgment calls out my name
I've been looking for love
But I'm swallowed by shame
Throw away all your stones
Find forgiveness in Me
Let Me be your new passion
My daughter, you're free**

**At the end of myself
I've done things my own way
This world gave up on me
Now it's death I do pay
You know who I am
I'm sins sacrifice
Today you will be
In paradise**

**Who is this man who calmed the seas
And who is this man who loves the least of these**

**I am the promised One
God gave His only Son
And those who believe
Will live eternally**

**At the end of yourself, just follow Me
If you lose everything, just follow Me
I will give you new life, just follow Me
Follow Me**

**If at the end of yourself, just follow Me
You may lose everything, just follow Me
I will give you new life, just follow Me
Follow Me**

"Rest On Us"

Verse 1

**As the Spirit was moving over the water
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us come rest on us**

Chorus

**Come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound
When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me**

Verse 2

**Fire and wind come and do it again
Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us come rest on us**

Bridge

**Holy Spirit
Come rest on us
You're all we want You're all we want**

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

L We come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.

C **We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

L We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

P **O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

MUSIC

Youth Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children (Pre-k though Junior High) may exit for Sunday School

HYMN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Tryggare kan ingen vara

**Tryggare kan ingen vara
än Guds lilla barna skara,
stjärnan ej på himlafästet,
fågeln ej i kända nästet.**

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever**

from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 54

- L Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.
C **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**
L For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
C **Behold, God¹ is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**
L Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.
C **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is
good.**
L For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my
enemies.
L Word of God, Word of Life. C **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your

pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L Word of God, Word of Life. C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle Halle Halle"

Chorus

Halle halle hallelujah

Halle halle hallelujah

Halle halle hallelujah

Hallelujah hallelujah

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BEFORE THE READING

P Today's Gospel reading is from the book of Mark beginning in the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL READER' THEATRE **Mark 9:30-37**

P Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them,

C **The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead.**

P They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant. After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples,

C **What were you discussing out on the road?**

P But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said,

C **Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.**

P Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,

C **Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me.**

L The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

Pastor Nate Allen

You live among the least of these:
The weary and the weak.
And it would be a tragedy
For me to turn away.
All my needs You have supplied,
When I was dead You gave me life.
How could I not give it away so freely?

And I'll...
I'll follow You into the homes of the broken,
I'll follow You into the world.
I'll meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God,
I'll follow You into the world.

Use my hands, use my feet,
To make Your kingdom come.
To the corners of the earth
Until Your work is done.
'Cause faith without works is dead,
And on the cross, Your blood was shed,
So how could we not give it away so freely?

And I'll...
I'll follow You into the homes of the broken,
I'll follow You into the world.
Oh, meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God,
I'll follow You into the world.

Yeah,
I'll follow You into the homes of the broken,
I'll follow You into the world.
Oh, I'll meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God,
I'll follow You into the world.

And I give all myself,
I give all myself,
And I give all myself to You.

Oh, and I give all myself, (I give myself)

Yes I give all myself, (Lord, I give myself)
And I give all myself to You. (I give it all to You)

(Lord I give it all to You)
I'll follow You into the homes of the broken, (All to your name)
I'll follow You into the world. (I'll follow You)
I'll meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God, (Poor and needy, God)
I'll follow You into the world.

I will follow...
I'll follow You into the homes of the broken,
I'll follow You into the world.
I'll meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR ETHAN GOELLRICH

OFFERING

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L God, you are justice and compassion. You care for all, including the poor, the wronged, the used and the ignored. Open our eyes to see every human as your precious child. Inspire us to love all with equity. Generous God,

C **hear our prayer and live among us.**

L Holy Spirit, help us see ourselves in the bitter lament of Job, who knows you are listening but cannot sense your nearness nor the reason for his suffering. Deliver us, like you delivered him. Generous God,

C **hear our prayer and live among us.**

L Jesus, when we are broken, lift our eyes to see your purpose. Jesus, you were tested like we are, but without sin. Give us boldness to show your generous love through our faulty lives. Generous God,

C **hear our prayer and live among us.**

P Hear us as we pray for those who need help and healing ____.
Generous God,

C **hear our prayer and live among us.**

P The love of God has won. The new life has begun.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L Let us pray with confidence in the words our Living Lord Jesus gave us:

C **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 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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

"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 (I'm your child) while I run this race.
(I'm your child) while I run this race.
(I'm your child) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.
- 5 (Search my heart) while I run this race.
(Search my heart) while I run this race.
(Search my heart) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Our worship service will conclude with communion together in the Parish Hall.
Please proceed across the patio to the Parish Hall for our family potluck and
communion service.