

Sunday, September 26, 2021
18th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM

Printed words to music and prayers are to use as silent meditation during the service. Bolded words of the Lord's Prayer are for congregational response using a quiet voice.

"Gathering in God's presence..."

Ringling of the Hour

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Joy in the Morning

Sleeth

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.*

Call to Worship (based on Ephesians 2:11-22)

Bob Foster

Leader: In Christ, we have access to a new community
Because Christ has broken down the dividing walls, we are one.
Christ is our peace.
Through Christ we have access to God by the Spirit.
Therefore we are no longer strangers, but citizens and part of God's family.
Together let us rejoice! Let us worship God!

Instrumental Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

*Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer poorer, All God's people, young and old.
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense.
Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.*

Invitation to Confession

God calls us in our lives to take a risk,
To be like the woman in the gospel
who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself;
or the father who risks the scorn of others
to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.
Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives
where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you. We are at times hesitant disciples. We are unsure of our direction, unclear about all that may be required of us, and anxious about what might be asked of us. Yet you continue to call us, out of darkness and into light; out of bondage and into freedom; out of death and into life. When we have resisted your call and claim upon us, we ask for forgiveness. When we have taken small steps toward you, encourage us. Where we have seen a glimpse of the future that you have prepared for us, help us to move in faith, trusting your grace to see us through. In the name of the Christ who is our constant companion. Amen.

Musical Response

Amen

Harling



Assurance of Pardon

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcomes us into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. In Christ we are forgiven. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and celebrate the peace of Christ with grateful hearts. Amen.

Musical Response

Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

Two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is labeled "Refrain" and has the lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The second staff has the lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The melody is a simple, rhythmic line.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Read:

Psalm 30
Mark 5:21-43

Our Response**Prayers for the People & 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.

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings

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Musical Response*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.**Alleluia, alleluia!**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***Prayer of Dedication****Benediction****Postlude***Joy in the Morning*

Sleeth

...sending in God's name."

Leading Worship:

Liturgy – Bob Foster

Music Director – Sheri Melton

Guest Minister – The Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

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