

**+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✦ **PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

✦ **HYMN #35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

If it had not been for God, who was on our side,  
we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us;  
we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

**Blessed be the Lord, our protector!**

God has broken the snare that took away our freedom.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
**Blessed be God's holy name!**

✦ **HYMN #803**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (Psalm 23)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up,  
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

**Therefore we confess our sins to one another and pray for one another  
that all may be healed.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

[unison]

God of unity, we live in a world  
where our lives move between haves and have nots.  
We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles  
those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us.

Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout  
for those things that make us different.

**Give us the eyes of our Shepherd,  
who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one.**  
[continue in silence, personal confession]

**HYMN #833**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
**Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be To the Father”

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +**

**HYMN #775**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 23

**HYMN #187**

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**SERMON**

**+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +**

- ✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed  
Hymn #481 "I Believe in God the Father"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

- ✦ **HYMN #840** "When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)"

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

- ✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

- ✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +**

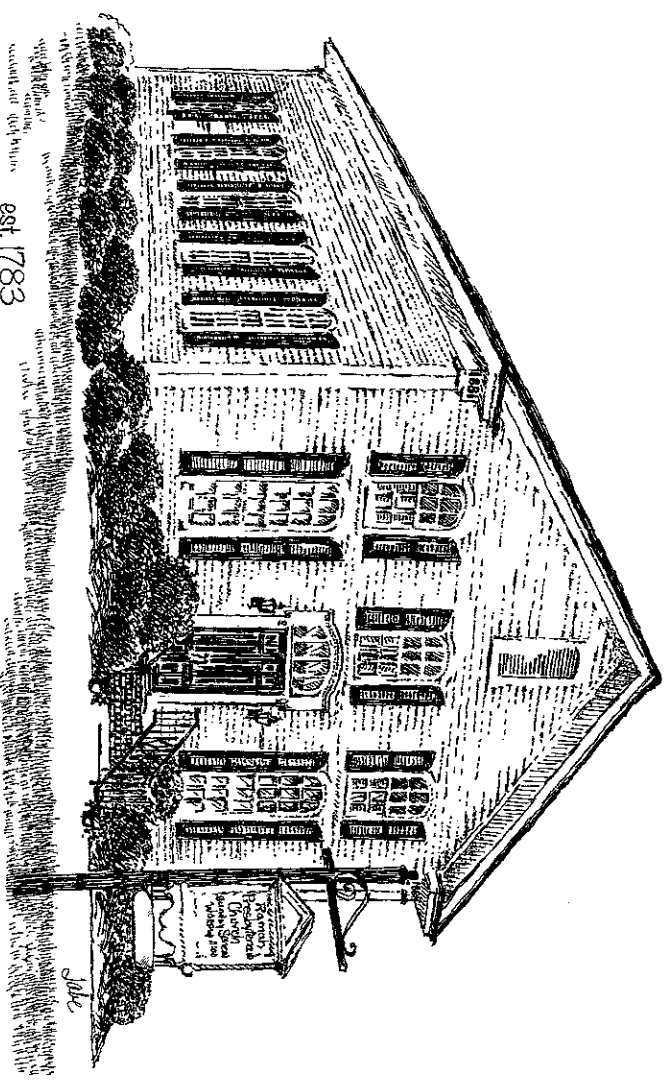
- ✦ **HYMN #546** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

- ✦ **BENEDICTION**

- ✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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**Sunday, September 30, 2018**  
**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Leadership:**

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Nursery: Alen & Scottie Baker  
Children's Church: Kim Bradford