

PROMISE

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 7, 2022



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***HYMN #502:** *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 12:32-40

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN #611:** *Your Cause Be Mine*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

CONFESSION AND PERSPECTIVE

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.

**We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.**

Nothing we do is complete,
which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

**This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.**

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

**We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.**

We are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future that is not our own.

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*HYMN #560: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

HOLY COMMUNION

*Call to Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ,

**God's only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, is seated at
the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

TAKING

Institution

Response

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BLESSING

BREAKING: *Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.*

GIVING: *Offering the bread, offering the cup.*

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

*HYMN #685: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION:

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious, Gracious to you.**

**The Lord up lift his countenance
upon you
And give you
Give you, Give you peace.**

POSTLUDE

