

GRATEFUL PRAISE

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 8, 2023



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

We gather together...

PRELUDE: *Largo*

G. F. Handel

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalms declare that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Why, then, are we reluctant to think of God as something to fear? The scriptures are clear: God is a consuming fire and we are tinder; God is a raging flood and we are valley dwellers; God is holy and all powerful while we are impure, incomplete, and mortal.

This is all true. But God is, in the end, a God of love. We are in awe of God's power, might, and holiness. Still, we draw near because of God's invitation to be God's children.

Let us therefore worship God who is worthy of our praise, and let us give God thanks for our unmerited salvation. Nothing else in our lives compares to this gracious gift of God.

We will worship our God to whom all glory, honor, and adoration are due.

***HYMN** #35: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

***INVOCATION**

***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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (*Old Testament page 66*)

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

PSALM

HYMNAL #788: Psalm 19 (*sung response #1*)

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14 (*New Testament page 198*)

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

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 20:1-16 (*New Testament pages 21-22*)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #531:** *God Has Spoken*

SERMON: Rev. Steve Elde

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

***HYMN #56:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #31:** *Now Thank We All Our God*

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

POSTLUDE: *Dix*

Craig Phillips

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*

Welcome!



GREETER: Tom LaPaze
READERS: Tom and Linda Morris
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Todd Johnson
USHER: Sandy Larsen
COFFEE SERVERS: Jean and Tom Mohrweis
LIVESTREAM: Axel

