



“Return
to your **home**,
and **declare** how
much **God** has
done **for you.”**

Luke 8:39

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“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019

Out of the sheer silence, there came a voice to him that said,
“What are you doing here, Elijah?”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Provider of sustenance, Comforter of the distressed, may you take center-stage in
our hearts and minds this and every day. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

“Come and Fill”
(Chancel Choir)

***OPENING SENTENCES - Responsive**

Liturgist - Katie Hurst

How mighty is the God we worship,
that even the demons know Christ's name and the depth of his healing power.
How holy is the God we worship,
that we would compare God's grace to water, God's love to flowing streams.
How loving is the God we worship,
that we find ourselves united in Christ: one faith, one Lord, one baptism.
Let us worship God.

***HYMN #19**

“God of Great and God of Small”

Sleeth, 1973

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin first in silence, then together.

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you, O God. When we are parched and weak, fill us with the waters of your grace. When we are starving and stumbling, feed us with the bread of life. You call us to be your servants, but we have wandered away from your call. Forgive us, God of life, and fill us with your love.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Word

ANTHEM

*“Prayer of St. Francis”
(Chancel Choir)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:1-15 Bibles,p.311/LG.p.404

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Galatians 3:23-29 Bibles,p.178/LG.p.230

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN #318 *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* Oxenham, 1908

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE Luke 8:26-39 Bibles, p.63/ LG. p.82

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

*HYMN #181	“Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”	Troeger, 1984	And I said, “Here I am; send me!” <i>Amen.</i>	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON			*RESPONSE #80	“You Shall Go Out with Joy”
				Rubin, 1975
			POSTLUDE	Selected

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive
Our response this morning is: *have mercy on us.*

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Selected

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**
Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Sending

*HYMN #838 “Standing on the Promises” Carter, 1886

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**
May the blessing of the Trinity—
holy, holy, holy Lord—
be with you now and always. *Alleluia!*

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.