

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In our trouble and need, we look to the Lord, the giver of our daily bread, saying:
God of abundant grace, *hear our prayer ...*

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven...

PRAYER RESPONSE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need?
Remembering God’s great love for the world, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise Christ all people here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for you have chosen the poverty of the world
to make your people rich in faith.
Help us to put our faith into practice
through the offering of our lives—
giving food to the hungry,
clothes to the naked,
and shelter to the poor;
all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
your Word made flesh. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

***HYMN**

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the one God— Spirit, Son, and Father— be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

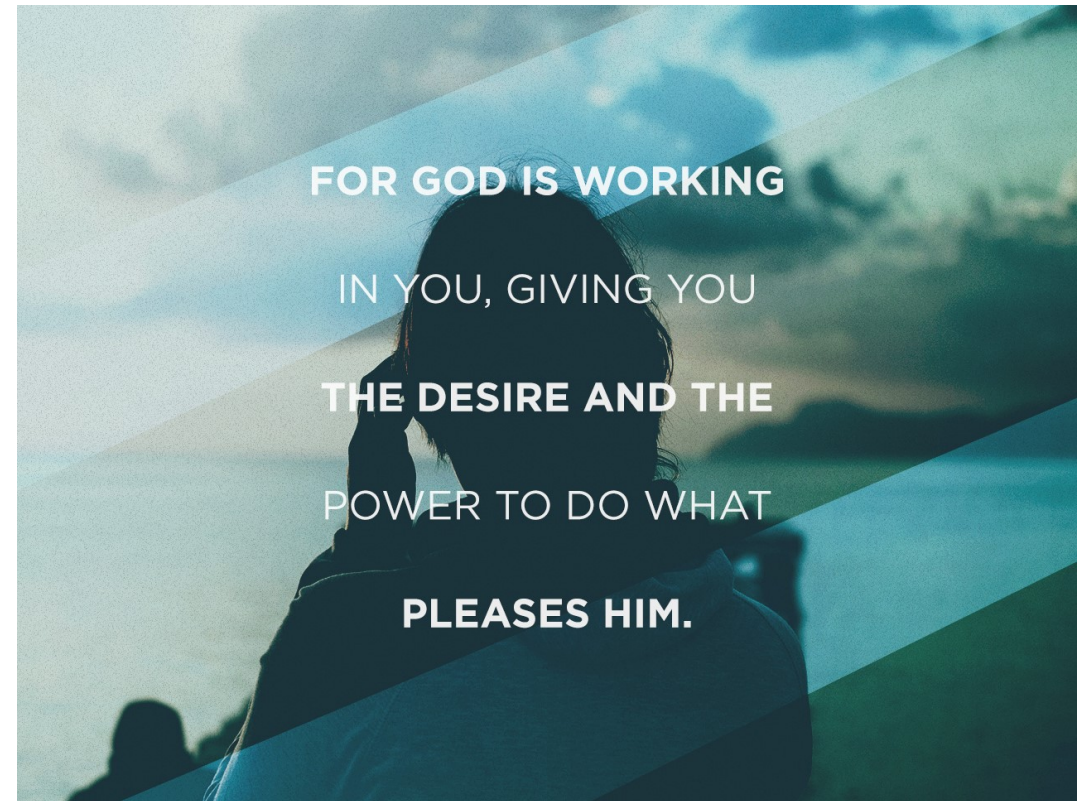
POSTLUDE

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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



*17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 19, 2021
Service for the Lord’s Day*

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the world around us seems to be shaking,

God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.

When the life within us is dry and parched,

God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.

Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom

and teaches us how to serve.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth,
and humankind in your image.... *Amen.*

***HYMN**

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 together:

*You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first
must be last and servant of all.*

*Oh, how we long to be first, O God:
to climb every ladder, frame every achievement,
get every promotion, and obtain every glory.*

*Oh, how we long to be first, O God,
and oh, how we dread being last.*

*Forgive us, O humble Christ,
and by your forgiveness, teach us.*

Teach us to reframe our priorities.

*Teach us to be servants first,
and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:1-12

Bible p. 642-643

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:3-11

Bible p. 186

Hear the word of the Lord for us. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Bible p. 41

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Cross-Carrying Christians

Rev. David Reeder

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

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

— *Response* —

***HYMN**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED

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

*and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*