



Worship for Sunday, September 26, 2021
 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 Live Streaming Worship 10AM

"Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know: That we are here for the sake of other people — above all for those upon whose smile and well-being our own happiness depends, for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day, I realize how much my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of people, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received and am still receiving." Albert Einstein

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

Doris Gorman

Please stand for the Call to Worship:
 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
We gather together to sing our praise to God's glory.
 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
We gather with open hearts and souls, to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.
 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
 The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
O God, as we gather in gratitude, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. To you we lift our voices in praise!
 Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Doris Gorman

Let us pray: Holy God, weave praise into the fabric of our days so our lives become a blessing to others.

Weave peace into our words and deeds so hatred and anger are disarmed.
 Weave love into our work so accomplishments are imbued with humility.
 Weave kindness into our actions so the world becomes a joyous place to live.
 Weave hope into every encounter so we may testify to God's continuing resurrection.
 Weave songs into our worship so our morning might echo in praise to God. Amen.

*Hymn GTG #54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

Let us come before the Lord with our prayers of confession and reconciliation. Let us pray:

Lord God of Creation, you have promised that you will never leave us; but how quickly we turn from you and from each other! We are content to let our goodness and our worship remain theoretical.

Lord God, let the sickness be healed, the death wish go from us, and the people come alive again.

Let your word of hope sound in the cities and the voice of your mercy comfort the towns. Make us all teachable, that we may learn again and again what things come first, what truths endure, what actions are worthy of your grace.

Give us this day your daily bread, joy and vision; and so we pray for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Time of Silence

[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isa. 43:1, 19

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen

*RESPONSE in Praise: #65

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (vs 1)

CWM Rhonda

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
 Pilgrim through this barren land
 I am weak, but thou art mighty
 Hold me with thy powerful hand
 Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more
 Feed me till I want no more

*Passing of the Peace

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please share the Peace from your pews)

Children's Time

(We sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as the children leave)

Prayer for Illumination

Doris Gorman

Let us pray: God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened.
Amen.

Scriptures

Matthew 22:34 -40 New Revised Standard Version **Doris Gorman**

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested Jesus with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Exodus 20:1-17 New Revised Standard Version **Rev. Elizabeth Lyman**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon **Ten Words** **Rev. Elizabeth Lyman**

***Hymn GTG #291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* Spirit

Offertory Invitation **Rev Elizabeth Lyman**

Peace & Global Witness Moment for Mission

Offertory

***Doxology #607**

Old Hundreth

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow:
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore:
Praise Triune God Whom we adore.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious Spirit, you have showered us with your gifts, and we embrace you with thanksgiving. May our embrace be arms wide open, ready to share, to serve and to love. Use our spiritual gifts that we may live the spiritual life, moving according to the Spirit's heated touch and bending in the direction of God's holy will.

Announcements and Prayer Requests

*(Please write your requests and announcements on the paper provided in the Atrium.
They are brought forward during the offering.)*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn GTG #365** *God Reigns! Let the Earth Rejoice* Marion

Charge and Benediction

Postlude **Paen** **John Marshall**

Flowers for this morning’s service were donated by Nancy Stewart. Thank you

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