

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE “In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” #654

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful;

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

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* POSTLUDE “Proclaim the News!” - Lewis



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Order of Worship

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Melodia Sacra” - Smith

GREETING “This is the day that the Lord has made!”
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - “Surely the Presence”

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

***This is the place where God
will transform us into disciples.***

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

***This is the place where God
will write compassion on our souls.***

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

***This is the place where God
will breathe the Word into our lives.***

* **OPENING HYMN** *“Seek Ye First”* #175

* **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(silent reflection)

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsively)

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* **GLORIA PATRI** - *“Glory Be To The Father”*

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

We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - *“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”* - arr. Tucker (Tone Chimes)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Psalm 121

Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Luke 18:1-8

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SERMON *“Don’t Ever Give Up”*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD **“THE 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *“Litany”* - Broughton

* **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.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

* **CLOSING HYMN** - *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”* #688

(verses 1, 2, 4, 5)