

# 19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 2018 9:30 a.m.

"If you bring forth what is inside you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is inside you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you."

— GOSPEL OF THOMAS

Rainstick (signals time for worship to begin)

Welcome

Gathering Music

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship *The New Union Prayer Book* 

There are days when we seek things for ourselves and measure failure by what we do not gain.

On the Sabbath, we seek not to acquire but to share.

There are days when we exploit nature as if it were a horn of plenty that can never be exhausted.

On the Sabbath, we stand in wonder before the mystery of Creation.

There are days when we act as if we cared nothing for the rights of others.

On the Sabbath, we are reminded that justice is our duty and a better world our goal.

Therefore we welcome the Sabbath -

Day of rest,

Day of wonder,

Day of peace.

Opening Hymn\*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CH#90

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 122

CH#761

Sung Response\*

In the Lord (sing 3 times)
Songs & Prayers from Taize

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; Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Anthem Praise the Lord Chancel Choir

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Young Disciples Time Rev. Bert Marshall

Scripture Readings *Numbers* 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

Book of Mercy 50 (Leonard Cohen)

Meditation on the Word Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn\* God the Spirit, Guide & Guardian CH#450

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Sung Response\* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above you heavenly hosts, Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication\*

The Church at Prayer

The Lord's Prayer\* (A literal translation from the Aramaic)

Our Father who is throughout the universe,

Let your name be set apart.

Come your kingdom.

Let your desire be, as in the universe, also on the earth.

Give us bread for our necessities this day.

And free us from our offenses, as also we have freed our offenders.

And do not let us enter into temptation, but set us free from error.

For belongs to you the kingdom, power, and song,

From ages to ages, sealed in faithfulness. Rocco A. Errico, translator

#### WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Church Alive

Closing Hymn\*

Standing in the Need of Prayer

CH#579

Benediction\*

Benediction Response\* Sanctuary (R. Scruggs & J. Thompson)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Postlude

#### **WELCOME VISITORS**

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and invite you to fill out the card in the pew and join us for coffee hour. There are also nametags on the back table we invite you to wear. If you have young children, there is a space in the narthex with some coloring and books. There is also a space in the middle office, on the main floor, down the hallway, to watch our service on Facebook along with some toys.

# **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Greeters: Jim & Linda West

Ushers: Deanna Booth, Anna Coon, Angie Bisson

Reader: Catherine James

# CALENDAR

Today (9/30)	9:30 am	Sabbath Worship
	10:45 am	Gobble Wobble Meeting
	11:30 am	Cottage Meeting
Monday (10/1)	8:00 am	Strong Living
	1:00 pm	Woodcarvers
	6:00 pm	AA
Tuesday (10/2)	7:00 am	Community Breakfast
	2:00 pm	Cottage Meeting
Wednesday (10/3)	8:00 am	Strong Living
Thursday (10/4)	6:00 pm	Scouts
	6:15 pm	Chancel Choir
Friday (10/5)		
Saturday (10/6)	7:00 am	Community Breakfast
	8:00 am	Strong Living
	8:00 pm	AA
Sunday (10/7)	9:30 am	Sabbath Worship -
		World Communion Sunday

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We are an Open & Affirming and a Just Peace Church