

14th Sunday after Pentecost 2019

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Children of the Heavenly Father” setting, Dale Wood

* Call to Worship

One: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

* Opening Hymn #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

O God who writes on our hearts, you have never abandoned us. In amazing and persistent grace, you have kept covenant with us. We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you. We long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

* Please stand as you are able

Bold type indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

Assurance of Forgiveness

“It’s You I Like”
by Fred Rogers

(*see projection*)

* Response #581

“Gloria Patri”

* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

Hymn #487

“These Treasured Children”

vs. #5

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

All: You’re beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Holy God, the words of Scripture are God-breathed words, inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit. By your Spirit breathe your words into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 119:97-104

The Message

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

“Choral Suite from Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood”

F. Rogers/ R. Page

Won’t You Be My Neighbor? ~ It’s You I Like ~ It’s Such a Good Feeling

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Message

John 13:34, 35

The Message

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor”

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Hymn #351

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

* Affirmation of Faith

“The Confession of 1967”

(*see projection*)

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Musical Offertory

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

setting, Wilbur Held

* Doxology #609

* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

God of generous providing, you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives: the sacred writing that provide instruction, correction, and training; the gift of the church; covenantal love and faithfulness; your own dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior; and the gift of the Spirit, our Advocate. We belong to you, and all that we have belongs to you. Use these offerings, we pray, in service of the justice you are establishing through your kingdom in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* Closing Hymn #727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

* Charge & Benediction

“It’s Such a Good Feeling”
by Fred Rogers

(*see projection*)

* Postlude

“Live Into Hope”

setting, Charles Callahan



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you
in the prayer room if needed.*

Our beautiful chancel flowers are given by Kevin & Debbie Spiegel in
celebration of the birth of their great-granddaughter.

Our Vision:

*We are a welcoming community First United in
Proclaiming FAITH in Jesus Christ
Sharing HOPE for the future, and
Inspiring LOVE of our neighbors*

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Liturgist: Tom Steffen

Greeters: The McCurley Family

Acolytes: Olivia & Alexis Bivins

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Ushers: Sydney Goddard, Judy England,

Anneliese Waggoner & Marilyn Heim

Choir Director: Andy Parks

Organist: Julie Mackey

Elder of the Month: Tori England

Deacons of the Month: Becky Dzekute & Barb Ryan

Tech Crew: Mark Young, Ted Huebbe,

Steve Marks & Joe Williams

Fellowship: Heather Newell & Abby Malcolm

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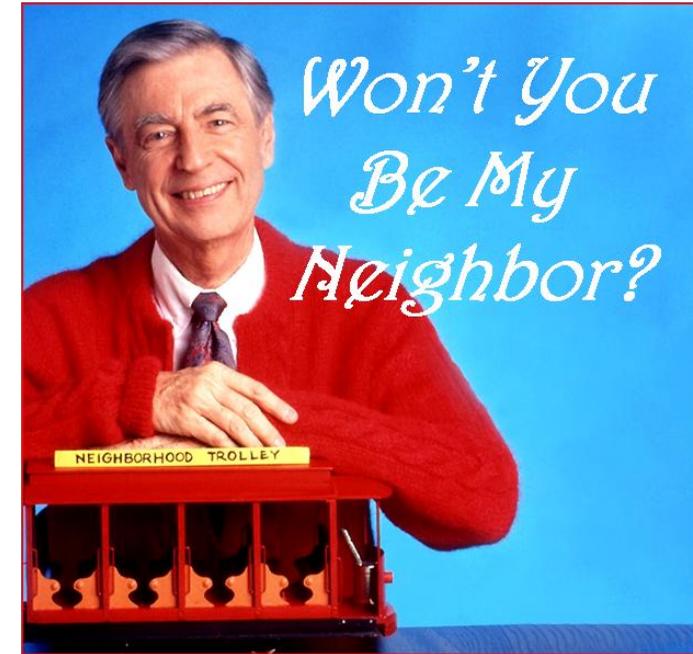
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