

11th Sunday after Pentecost 2019

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" setting, Paul Manz

* Call to Worship

One: God is our, rock our fortress, our refuge and strength.

All: **God is our hope and our trust. Praise the Lord!**

* Opening Hymn #37 "Let All Things Now Living"

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

God of healing and reconciliation, you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge. Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: Our God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. This gives us confidence, to be fully ourselves, that we can be fully forgiven.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of Life, you come to us a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

* 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. #2

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*)

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the One who heals in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible – OT p.698

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Music of Ministry

"He"

R. Mullan/J. Richards

(*Vocal Trio ~ Ginny Trost, Susan Leiber & Sue Russell*)

Second Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Pew Bible – NT p.76

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Why Not Now?"

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

Hymnal, pg. 37

(*Verses 1 & 2*)

* Hymn #432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

* Please stand as you are able

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

Musical Offertory "The Gift to Be Simple/Lord of the Dance" setting, Dale Wood

* **Doxology #609**

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

Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* **Closing Hymn #438** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** "Chorale and Laud" Gilbert M. Martin



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

Our beautiful chancel flowers this morning are given
by Judy England for the glory of God.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Greeters: Corday & Sydney Goddard

Liturgist: Violet Smale

Acolytes: Alexis Bivins & Mackay Campbell

Ushers: Bill Picard, Frank C. Petiniot, Norb & Sue Goral

Organist: Julie Mackey

Elder of the Month: Ted Huebbe

Deacons of the Month: Judy England & Betty Pajkos

Tech Crew: Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks & Joe Williams

Fellowship: Sydney Goddard

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