

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

✠ Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

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God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with laughter and songs of joy.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some from a sense of obligation or habit.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with hearts heavy with grief.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with distraction or exhaustion.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with stress, loneliness, or depression.
As God's dearly loved children,
we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.

✠ Invocation

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O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word,
a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ Opening Hymn 262

Holy, Holy, Holy

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

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We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

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Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained access to this grace
in which we stand;
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

—Romans 5:1-2, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering
Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will give what I have promised in the presence of all
God's people.

—from Psalm 116:12, 14, NRSV

Offering

Offertory

*"Reach Out to Jesus"
Dennis Leshner, Dan Baker*

by Ralph Carmichael

! Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

! Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

! Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You
All: And also with you

! Preparation Song

All My Boast is in Jesus

Verse 1
What wonder of wonders, what love is this;
That Christ would die for me!
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness,
This sinner's only plea.
O foolish pride, be crucified; the work is finished!

Chorus
All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.

Verse 2
Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill,
let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord! Who else is worthy?

Chorus
All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.

Bridge (2 times)

*O, praise the One, forever blessed! Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ my Lord.*

Verse 3

*I boast not in riches, in strength or might, but in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ in plenty or in want.
That I may know, that all may see. His pow'r within me!*

Chorus

*All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.*

Chorus 2

*Now I stand in this freedom; ransomed, clean in His sight,
oh, and I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ.
My boast is Jesus Christ. Forever, my boast is Jesus Christ.*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:27—2:4

²⁷ Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation—and this is from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have.

2 If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. ⁴ Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.

Sermon

*"One Spirit, One Accord"
Rev. Tim Latham*



Hymn of Response 284

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

Responding
We respond to God's Word



Profession of Faith (In Unison)

Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

—Deuteronomy 6:4, NIV

Prayers of the People

*Leader: Lord, In Your mercy;
All Hear our prayer*

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 our debts as we forgive our debtors;
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever, Amen.**

**Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses**



Commission Song

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;*

*From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no schemes of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**