

**19th Sunday After Pentecost
October 19, 2025**

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

John Steinginga

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.
**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**
Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.
**To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

 **INVOCATION**

John Steinginga

Great and loving God,
we come before you emptied of all that would distract,
seeking all that would redeem.
Let these moments not become so routine
as to be predictable,
nor so familiar as to be conventional.
Prepare us for the unexpected.
Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit
in praise of our Savior. **Amen.**

 **OPENING HYMN 345**

Blessed Assurance

CONFESSING: *God invites us to be honest with Him*

CALL TO CONFESSION

John Steinginga

When we see God's beautiful holiness,
we recognize our own lack of holiness.
God is light and truth,
yet we live among shadows and lies.
People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are;
let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in
Jesus, our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Steinginga

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John Steiginga

"In a surge of anger
I hid my face from you for a moment,
but with everlasting kindness
I will have compassion on you,"
says the Lord your Redeemer.
"I, even I, am he who blots out
your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more."
"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me,
for I have redeemed you."

—Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22, NIV

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 As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern,
and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a
sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

—Ephesians 5:1-2, NJB

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Christ is All in All (See Screen)
Pamela Johnson, Thomas Alberici

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

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God.
Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you

PREPARATION HYMN 275

How Firm A Foundation

PROCLAIMING: *God speaks to us through His Work*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, before this world's days even began,
your Word was in the beginning,
and it was with you and it was you.
The mystery of that brings us to our knees.
Yet today you allow us to open your Word and know you better.
So we ask that you would give us eyes to see and ears to hear.
Give us hearts open to your Spirit as we seek you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:2-5

- ² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.^[a]
³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.^[b]
⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.
⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Psalm 1

- ¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,^[a]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

SERMON *“Listening--through the silence--for the Presence of God”*
Rev. Don Kienz

 **HYMN OF RESPONSE 350** *‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

RESPONDING: *We respond to God’s Word*

 **PROFESSION OF FAITH** *(In Unison)*

God was pleased, in his eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son,
to be the mediator between God and human beings.

As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king,
the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things,
and the judge of the world.

God gave to him, from all eternity,
a people to be his seed and to be by him, in time,
redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself—
which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God—

**has fully satisfied the justice of his Father.
He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of
heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him.**

—from Westminster Confession (MESV), Chap. VIII, Sec. 1, 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, who can banish all affliction both of soul and of body, show forth your power upon those in need, that by your mercy they may be restored to serve you afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING: *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*



COMMISSION SONG

The Lord is My Salvation (See Screen)

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE



Please stand if you are able.