



19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 2023

10:00 am

MEDITATION MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Hymnals are available if you like to read notes.

CALL TO WORSHIP* (from Phil. 3:7-8; Matt. 21:42)

*Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss
because of Christ.*

**I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing
value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.**

*As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.*

This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

HYMN* "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" 394

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION (UNISON)

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower on us the gift of your grace, through Jesus Christ.

(silence)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me.
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT – Philippians 3:4b-14

Lisa Garcia

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Genne Gwynne

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GOSPEL* – Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON *“Farming and Harvesting”* Dr. Linda
Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* *(from The Confession of 1967)*

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of [humanity] in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than [human] schemes will finally prevail.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN*

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

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**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME (*everyone is invited!*)

UPCOMING

October 8 – committees meet after Sunday School

October 9 – Indigenous People's Day

October 11 – Women's Bible Study, 1:30 – Lesson 2

October 15 – Stated Session meeting after Sunday School