

A Service for Worship  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 11, 2020 ~ 11:00am

*The Gift of Grace ~ Response and Responsibility*



Preparation for worship:

St. Paul wrote to the new Christians:

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8)*

From the beginning, we understand that love, salvation and forgiveness are all marvelous gifts. We cannot earn them; we can only open our hearts to receive them. Yet we also hear that the gift of grace comes with a responsibility to live it and to share it. The letter of James says:

*Faith, by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:17)*

Hmm. Are you ready? To receive the gift of grace? Are you ready to share it?

Prayer before worship:

*Dear Jesus, don't let me hide. If I think the gift of grace means that I can shy away from helping or giving or serving, then I haven't really grasped what it means to have your love in my heart.*

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*GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE*

**Greetings**

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Gathering Music**

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

“O God beyond All Praising” (Solo piano)

**Welcome**

May the gift of God's grace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Invitation to Worship**

God calls us to worship, and we come.

Some come with laughter and songs of joy.

**God calls us to worship, and we come.**

**Some come with hearts heavy with grief and pain.**

God calls us to worship, and we come.

Some come with distraction or exhaustion.

**God calls us to worship, and we come.**

**Some come with eagerness and enthusiasm.**

God calls us to worship, and we come.

Some come with stress and worry.

**God calls us to worship, and we come.**

**Some come with questions and with doubt.**

Come all you who are God's dearly beloved,

**Come, bring your hurt and your hope. Listen for a voice of grace.**

*HEARING THE WORD OF GOD***Voices of Grace****Sung Invitation to the Word**

“Give Us Light”

Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.

Give us life; give us life; give us life, O Lord.

Grant us peace; grant us peace; grants us peace, O Lord.

Save us now; save us now; save us now, O Lord.

Give us grace; give us grace; give us grace, O Lord.

**Scripture Lesson**

Romans 12:6, 16-21

James 2:14-17

**Message**

“Response and Responsibility”

*RESPONDING TO THE WORD***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
Teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
Healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
Eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In life and death we belong to God.

### **Offering Our Lives**

“When We Are Living”

When we are living, in it in Christ Jesus, and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

‘Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain; when sensing beauty or in love’s embrace,  
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
But when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

### **Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayers of the People and the 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### *SENDING INTO THE WORLD*

### **Song of Sending**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*      Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?     *Refrain*

### Charge

Philippians 4:4-9

### Sung Blessing

“I wish God’s love to be with you”

I wish God’s love to be with you  
 no matter where you go.  
 And I wish that God will always bless your soul;  
 that God’s love you experience  
 will be like a flowing stream,  
 that you’ll see God’s light  
 come shining through the dark

### Sharing Signs of Peace

May the gift of grace and the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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Worship Leaders are:

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