

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    October 20, 2019    11:00 a.m.**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*Those who are able are encouraged to stand.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**    “I’m A Believer”    Youth Choir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”**

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

**He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations.**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,  
**who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

**\*HYMN #423**    “Jesus Shall Reign Where’re the Sun”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** based on a Prayer by Martin Luther (In Unison)

**Look on us, Lord, as empty vessels that need to be filled. In faith we are weak-strengthen us. In love we are cold-warm us and make us fervent so that our love may go out to our neighbors. We doubt and are unable to trust you completely.**

**Lord, strengthen our faith and our trust in you.**

**You are all the treasure we possess. We are poor, you are rich, and you came to have mercy on the poor. We are sinners, you are goodness. From you we can receive goodness, but we can give you nothing. Therefore we shall stay with you. Form us in your grace, with your hands of creation, into whom you want us to be.**  
(A time for silent and personal prayer...)

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

**We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579**    “Gloria Patri”

**ANTHEM**    The Lord Is My Shepherd

**A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS . . .**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**    Jeremiah 18:1-6    O.T. Pg. 720

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Luke 18:10-14    N.T. Pg. 81

**SERMON**    “Spiritual Recovery: Humbly Ask”    Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN #377**    “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From the Second Helvetic Confession Chapter 14

**This is true repentance, namely, a sincere turning to God and all good, and earnest turning away from the devil and all evil. We believe that repentance is a sheer gift of God and not a work of our strength. Like the sinful woman who washed the feet of the Lord with her tears, and Peter who wept bitterly and bewailed his denial of the Lord we should seriously lament our wrong doing. Moreover, the prodigal son and the tax collector in the Gospel, when compared with the Pharisee, present us with the most suitable pattern of how our sins are to be confessed to God. The former said: “ ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants’ ” And the latter, not daring to raise his eyes to heaven, beat his breast, saying, “God be merciful to me a sinner”.**

**And we do not doubt that they were accepted by God into grace. For the apostle John says: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us” (I John 1:9 f.).**

**OFFERING** *Prayer Request Cards can be placed in the collection plate at this time*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
LORD'S PRAYER**

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN #369** "I'm Gonna Live So God can Use Me"

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*POSTLUDE** Fourfold Amen

**Flowers on the Communion Table** in loving memory of my husband Ted and my daughter, Jenny's, birthday given by Sarah Kasprzak

**Serving Today:**

**Lay Reader:** Jenny Gibb

**Ushers:** Team #3

**Banker:** Ken Wensel **Sound Tech:** Mark Gibb **Coffee Hour:** Orange Team

**Counters:** Lin Savage & Maureen Utt

**Nursery & Preschool:** 11:00am Heidi Howieson & Audrey MacClean

**Gospel Project:** K-2nd: Kelly Sunman-Davis & Jan Foster/3rd-5th: Mary Zimbler & Jeanne Cupp

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