We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn** ***"Arise, Your Light Is Come" **Hymn No. 744**

***Benediction**

Choral Response** ***"God Be In My Head" **Grayson Warren Brown**

God be in my head, God be in my heart, God be in my mind, God be in my soul,
God be in my eyes, so that I may see your face;
God be on my lips, God be in my life.

Organ Postlude ***"Gigue Fugue"*** **Dietrich Buxtehude**

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship.
We invite you to remain seated in silence until the music concludes.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry: Chancel Choir; John Ritchey, soloist; Lori Wehrman, accompanist; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Ushers: Dave Kistler, Marilyn Kistler, Jason Mitchell, Kristy Mitchell, Sheryl Steele, Jay Wulff, Missy Wulff
Larry Erwin, Usher Captain

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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Order of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 16, 2018 **11:00 a.m.**

The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship.
Let us join together in a time of prayerful preparation as the music begins.

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude ***"Parita on Crucifer"*** **Callahan**

We Address Ourselves to God

***Call to Worship** **Psalm 19**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
People: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words,
their voice is not heard;
People: yet their voices go out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.
Let us worship the Lord!

Processional Hymn** ***"Lift High the Cross" **Hymn No. 826**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*The people joining*)
God of wholeness and peace, your way leads to freedom from sin and death and guilt and worry. Your way leads to our neighbors--the hungry, the poor, the oppressed, those imprisoned. You want us to follow the way of Jesus. Yet too often, we follow our own way. We set the course of our lives. We decide who to pay attention to and who to walk

by. Forgive us our sin. Forgive us for not stopping and listening deeply. Forgive us for not discerning your way for us. Continue to call us as we try to follow the one who perfected love for us all. It is in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Response to Confession** ***"We Are Forgiven" **Hymn No. 447**

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers

See the insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Time with the Children

We Hear God's Word

First Reading **James 3:1-12** **Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 230**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem ***"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"*** **text: Sigismund von Birken**
music: Dan Forrest

Les us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us,
Where to sin our hears are lured. Ever in His footsteps treading,
Living here, yet home above, full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do our Father's bidding, faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

Let us also die with Jesus, by His cross He conquer'd death,
Freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath.
Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heave.
Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.
Let him gladly live with Jesus, he is risen from the dead.

Death is swallowed up in vict'ry, Jesus, thou art now our head.
Living members of the body, where thou livest, we shall be, thou wilt keep us constantly,
Even so, dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus, here I live to Thee.
There to dwell eternally. Let us ever walk with Jesus.
O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Second Reading **Mark 8:27-38** **Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 43**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***"Deny Ourselves?"*** **Rev. Dr. David Holyan**

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn** ***"Will You Come and Follow Me" **Hymn No. 726**

Pastoral Prayer

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Minute for Stewardship **David Carter**

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Solo ***"An Offering"*** **text: Eileen Berry**
music: Dan Forrest

O Christ, ho spared no cost, nor any grace withheld,
But poured forth Your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss,
That I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?

Why should I cling to gifts You give?
Why grasp in foolish pride what you, who gave Yourself for me, now bid me lay aside?
To know You is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,
A treasure worth to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,
teach me that nothing offered You Is ever truly lost.
A hundred-fold reward awaits in one glimpse of Your face,
My sacrifice forgotten in the richest of Your grace.

***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 Dedication**