

We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn	<i>“Let All Things Now Living”</i>	Hymn No. 37
*Benediction		
*Choral Response	<i>“God Be In My Head”</i>	Grayson Warren Brown
	<i>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.</i>	
Organ Postlude	<i>“Allegro ma non troppo”</i>	William Boyce

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

Worship Leaders:	Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
Music Ministry:	Chancel Choir; Bill Stein, Director of music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate
Ushers:	Ellie Coutts, Scott Fargo, Susan Fechter, Annie Littlepage, Sterling Littlepage, Carolyn Sproull, Stuart Sproull Larry Erwin, Usher Captain

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 23, 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	<i>“The Ash Grove”</i>	Dale Wood
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We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship		Psalm 19
Leader:	Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread,	
People:	for their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God’s law they meditate day and night.	
Leader:	They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.	
People:	The Lord watches over those who seek the way of the righteous, and the path of truth.	
Leader:	Let us worship God in thanksgiving and gratitude.	

*Processional Hymn	<i>“How Lovely, Lord”</i>	Hymn No. 402
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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(The people joining)*

Gracious God, we yearn to be faithful but we know that there are times when we fail. We would rather be right than be kind. We are willing to step on others to be first. We argue over what does not really matter in the long term. We choose to ignore what is the right thing to do in order to get what we think we want and need. Remind us how to

live with compassion and kindness. By your Spirit, guide us to do what is right and good even when it requires us to give way to the needs and concerns of others. These things we ask in the name of your son who gave his life that we might know life and love in a new way. 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 3:13-44:3, 7-8a** Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 230

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

Anthem *“The Servant Song”* Richard Gillard

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey, we're together on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to bear.
I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven we will find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

Second Reading **Mark 9:30-37** Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 45

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

Sermon *“The Uncomfortable Truth”* Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *“Christ Be Beside Me”* Hymn No. 702

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 Julie Sells

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Anthem *“Let the Little Children Come to Me”* Emily Lund

*Chosen to know the touch of his hand, Blessed by his words they could not understand.
Why would the Lord, the Great Holy One, Beckon the little children to come?
Calling, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belong the very kingdom of God.
Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for all who come to me, come as a child.”
Like a small child, dear Lord, may I be willing to trust in you wholeheartedly,
Finding my hope in your sacrifice, heeding the call to come to new life.
Listen, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belong the very kingdom of God.
Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for all who come to me, come as a child.”
Come all you who are weary, O come, the Lord's yoke is light.
Come and trust in him, come and follow him,
He is the way and the life, calling, “Come!”
Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
For to such belong the very kingdom of God.
Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
For all who come to me, come as a child.”
“Children, come.”*

*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**