

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please allow the Choir to sing our hymns for us, to help limit the spread of disease.

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me . . .
Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**
Leader: We come into this house to meet the Lord, for it is God who redeems, restores, revives, and returns. Let us rejoice and sing, as God fills our hearts with gladness!
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Dialogue from Messe pour les convents" F. Couperin

CHORAL INTROIT "The Lord Whom We Love" Kurt Kaiser

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 116
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
And how shall we repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?
Let us lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

HYMN 327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do. May the Spirit of wisdom save us from all false choices, and in your light may we see light, and in your straight path may we not stumble. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM "O Come, Let Us Sing" Cindy Berry

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

RESPONSIVE PSALM 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Congregation: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**
Leader: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy.
Congregation: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens; and nothing is hid from its heat.**
Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
Congregation: **the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**
Leader: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
Congregation: **the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.**
Leader: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
Congregation: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.**
Leader: Clear me from hidden faults.
Congregation: **Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**
Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
Congregation: **O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mark 9: 38-41

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

SERMON *Humble Service*

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Nocturne op. 9 no. 2" F. Chopin

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

DOXOLOGY "Old Hundredth" *sung by the choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Congregation: **Through your goodness we have good gifts to share.**
Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.
Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**
All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

HYMN 353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir (Old 100th)" J.G. Walther

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES

Sunday, October 3

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Mark 10: 17-31

"A Journey to God"