



*THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY*

*September 27th, 2020*

*17th Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:00 am*

*IF POSSIBLE PLEASE PRINT OUT A COPY OF THIS SERVICE  
& BRING THE COPY WITH YOU ON SUNDAY.*

*It will be needed for any unison readings.*

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

*\*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## **GATHERING**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Derek Almarode, Elder

### ***WE APPROACH GOD***

**\*Call to Worship**

Derek Almarode, Elder

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

***People: in you I trust, O God.***

Leader: Do not let me be put to shame,

***People: nor let my enemies triumph over me.***

Leader: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,

***People: but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.***

Leader: Show me your ways, O Lord,

***People: teach me your paths;***

Leader: guide me in your truth and teach me,

***People: for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.***

*Psalm 25:1-5*

**Prayer of Adoration** (from “*The Book of Common Prayer*”)

written by: Dag Hammarskjold (1905 – 1961)

Father, God:

Give me a pure heart – that I may see Thee.

A humble heart - that I may hear Thee,

A heart of love - that I may serve Thee,

A heart of faith – that I may abide in Thee. Amen.

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

(All) Together

***\*Gracious God, you instruct us to look to the interest of others, to be of the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. We are to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but instead serve you with humility and patience. We know your will, we even say we will do it, and yet too often we fail to follow your commandments. We act out of self-interest. We regard others as less than ourselves. We neglect your teachings to care for the least of these. We refuse to follow you, go our own way and then wonder why we are so lost. Remind us of your mercy, Lord, of your steadfast love and your promise to forgive those who humbly repent and turn to you. Hear our prayer, work within us and enable us to do your will. Amen.***

(service continues)

**\*\* Silent Confession \*\***

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

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\*Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore God instructs sinners in the way,

**People: *The Lord leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble the way.***

Leader: Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

### ***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

**Prayer for Illumination**

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**Scripture** Old Testament Ezekiel 33:6  
New Testament Matthew 12:36-37

**Sermon**

*"Accountability"*  
Derek Almarode, Elder

### ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed  
(All) Together

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

***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.***

**Prayers of the People  
Joys & Concerns**

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\*Loving God, we are tempted to give into constant quarreling with you, with one another, with leaders and friends, fellow believers, and random strangers. Even though we know we are to be in the world but not of it, we find it hard not to mirror the discord and anger all around us. We come before you this Lord's day and ask you to intervene, to work within us so that we have the ability to turn away from those actions, and attitudes that prevent us from fulfilling your purpose. As the world reels from the upheaval, use us to bear witness to your peace.

*(prayer continues)*

As the headlines reverberate with bad news, use us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. As so many grow weary and worried, use us to bring relief and hope. Merciful God, our prayer lists are long. We cannot possibly name all the people, places and circumstances in need of your compassion and transformation. We trust that you know our hearts and hear our pleas even when they are left unspoken. Pour out your care on those devastated by fires and floods. Wrap in love your children who cry to you for all they have lost and cannot imagine living without. Give peace that passes understanding to those overwhelmed with anxiety and afraid of what tomorrow might bring. Confident that you know the needs and are already present and at work in every corner of creation, we turn over to you those things that we can no longer carry. We ask you to show us what we ought to take on in order to be faithful to your call.

We make our prayer in gratitude for grace and in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray, *Our Father...*

**The Lord's Prayer**

(All) Together

*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.*

**SENDING**

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

Derek Almarode, Elder

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⇒ Please note that starting **in October ALL worship services will begin at 11:00 am.**

⇒ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, worship will be in the Sanctuary no matter the weather.

⇒ For the remainder of October worship will be at The Chapel in the Woods unless the weather is cold and/or rainy. Then we will worship in the Sanctuary.

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