



*THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY*

*October 18th, 2020*

*20th Sunday after Pentecost*

*11:00 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**

Brian Lee, Worship Leader

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

**\* Call to Worship** (*Psalm 96: 1-6*)

Brian Lee, Worship Leader

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People:** *Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.*

Leader: Declare the Lord's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

**People:** *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God is to be revered above all gods.*

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**People:** *Honor and majesty are before the Lord; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.*

### **◇ Gathering Prayer**

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us the desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

### **\*\* Call to Confession**

\* We are called to be in the world, but not of it. Yet, we fail at making our discipleship that which is distinctive about us. Nonetheless, God is merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Therefore, we are confident in our coming before the Lord with our honest confession. Let us pray. . .

### **\*\* Prayer of Confession**

(All) Together

**\* Lord like those religious leaders long ago, we too, have malice in our hearts. We wish ill upon those we do not like and fail to recognize our own shortcomings.**

*(prayer continues in unison)*

*(prayer continued)*

*We are certain in our opinions rather than humble about our assumptions. We think the best of ourselves and the worst of others, despite your admonishment to tend to the log in our own eye, rather than the speck in our neighbor's. We want to partition off our lives, offering you a portion of our loyalty, time, and resources, when we are called to give our whole selves to you. Forgive our pettiness, our hard-heartedness, and our stubbornness. Use our repentance as a means for the Spirit to work in us and remake us into a closer likeness of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

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

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Brian Lee, Worship Leader

\*Leader: The Lord our God answers us and forgives us. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

*People: Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.*

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Melissa Harmon

**Scripture** Matthew 22:15-22

**Sermon**

*"The Age Old Question"*

Rev. Melissa Harmon

### ***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.*

*(service continues)*

**Joys & Concerns**

Brian Lee, Worship Leader

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Melissa Harmon

. . . . . *Our father . . .*

**The Lord's Prayer**

(All) Together

*. . . 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**

Rev. Melissa Harmon

⇒ Please note that **ALL worship services are at 11:00 am.**

⇒ 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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