



*THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY*

*October 4th, 2020*

*18th Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday*

*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**

### **Prelude**

JoAnn Pendley, Pianist  
*“In The Garden”*  
arranged by Martha Mier

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Derek Almarode, Elder

### **Remembrance of Sara Ann Lamb**

Derek Almarode & Bethel Worship Committee

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

### **Call to Worship**

Derek Almarode, Elder

Leader: Whatever gains I have; these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

**People:** *I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

Leader: As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**People:** *This is the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes. Let us worship God.*

### **Prayer of Adoration**

Creator God, the heavens radiate your glory!

May we, too, radiate your glory throughout this day, so that your goodness and mercy may be known in this world. We pray all this in the name of the Son of righteousness who has risen with healing in his wings. Amen.

**\*\*Prayer of Confession** *(based on Isaiah 5:1-7)*

(All) Together

*Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

*(service continues)*

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Derek Almarode, Elder

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*People: In Jesus Christ, we are washed clean, we are set free, we are saved by grace. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.*

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao

Lord God, may your word break open our hearts, and take root, and grow, that we may produce fruit for your kingdom, through Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Hebrew Scripture** Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10, 14

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 21:33-44

**Sermon**

*"The Vineyard"*

Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao

***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.*

***THE WORD IS SEALED TO OUR HEARTS***

**Invitation to the Table**

Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao

Leader: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*(service continues)*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

**Words of Institution**

**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.*

**Prayer after Communion**

Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao

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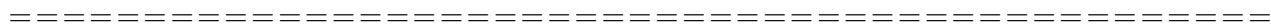
**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao

**Postlude**

JoAnn Pendley, Pianist

*“The Whole World is a Vineyard”*  
arranged by Dottie Rambo



Guidelines when worship is in the Sanctuary

- ◆ No greeters
- ◆ No bulletins
- ◆ No singing
- ◆ Social distancing seating (rows are taped off); families may sit together
- ◆ Offering plates will be on stands at all doors
- ◆ Once inside please stay in and once outside please stay out
- ◆ No social gathering in Memorial Hall or other rooms
- ◆ “ Wearing of face coverings or face shields are strongly suggested for entering and leaving, seating at Social Distancing are required”

*- Motion passed by the Bethel Session on August 9th, 2020*

⇒ *Please note that ALL worship services will now begin 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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