

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion

Blessing of Backpacks



Episcopal Church of the

**GOOD
SHEPHERD**

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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome enter or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors next to the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

Restrooms are located to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

Following the service we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

If you read music, the music for the hymns may be found in our blue Hymnal [located in the pew rack.] All service music marked "S" is found in the front section of The Hymnal.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

J. Walther

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

GATHERING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

401, vs. 1,2

C *The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.*

*He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please be seated.]

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

P Let us pray together...

C **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

690, vs. 1,2

All *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you whenever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Genesis 15:1–6 • Psalm 33:12–22 • Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 • Luke 12:32–40

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

L *The First Reading is taken from Genesis, chapter 15...*

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 33: [Tune: *Jesus Shall Reign*]

**How happy those who serve the Lord, The nation God has known;
How happy those whom you have called And chosen for your own.**

**From where you sit enthroned you see All people in their lands;
You fashion all the hearts of them, Their works you understand.**

**You keep good watch on everyone Who waits on you indeed,
To pluck their lives away from death And feed them in their need.**

**Our help, our shield, our hope, our joy, Through every age the same,
Lord, let your mercy rest on us Whose trust is in your Name.**

The Second Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews, chapter 11...*

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith. By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going. By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

Celtic Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel:

D The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

G **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

D “Don’t be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don’t wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. Be like people waiting for their master to come home from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and knocks on the door. Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives. I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table as honored guests, and wait on them. Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes at midnight or just before dawn. But know this, if the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he wouldn’t have allowed his home to be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Human One is coming at a time when you don’t expect him.”

D The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

[Please stand.]

All **Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

THE NICENE CREED

AD We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you choose.]

D Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:

L Father of all, let all the world be saved through your Son. Let our president, and all rulers and authorities, seek and see your kingdom so that peace may reign in our time.

C **As your Son taught us, we pray for our enemies.**

L God of the Prophets, we thank you for calling all people to be righteous, justifying us with the free gift of your grace. Let this parish be a place where your testimony is received, where guests find a welcome, and where all are born anew of the Spirit.

C **Give strength to your church as together, trusting in you and supporting each other, we proclaim your kingdom with our lives.**

L Restoring God, there are many who may feel lost or even condemned as they endure trouble and illness. We ask for your healing to lift up and comfort *[read names in notebook]* and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts *[Leave time...]*, as well as all others who suffer.

C **God of Light and Life, help us to be the answer to the prayers of those who cry out to you.**

℣ Lord God, we give you thanks for the blessings we received from your hand each day, especially for the flowers given today by Diane Fairbanks and Terry Linton in honor of their wedding today and for those things we now name either silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] Let us rejoice in the knowledge that all good gifts around us come from your loving hand.

☞ **We ask for one more thing, Holy God: give us grateful hearts.**

℣ Lord of Eternal Life, we ask your mercy on all those who have died, [*especially... read names in notebook*] and those on our hearts this morning that we bring to you. [*Leave time*]. Let your grace and power give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist.

☞ **We ask also that your comfort and strength surround all who grieve, whether their loss is new and raw, or has been a painful reality for many years.**

℣ Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Holy Spirit, fill our hearts this day and every day so that we live our lives in ways that honor your image in us, our baptism in you, and our connection with each other. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[*Please stand or kneel, as you choose.*]

℣ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. [*Silence is kept.*]
Most merciful God,

☞ **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

℣ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

☞ **Amen.**

PRAYERS, BLESSINGS, AND THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☞ **And also with you.** [*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*]

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a heart full of gladness.

OFFERTORY

Duet #2

Franz Danzig

[Please be seated.]

Stephan Mason, viola • Isabelle Schueler, cello

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the plates are given to the Deacon.]

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

With Gratitude and Humble Trust

705, vs. 3

- ☐ ***With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity. O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [Eucharistic Prayer B]

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

☐ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.**

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

P By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celtic Amen

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the 'Celtic Amen'. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'A - - - men, A - - - men.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating the duration of the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a repeat sign.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- P** The living Bread is broken for the life of the world.
C **Lord, unite us in this foretaste of the feast to come.**
- P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

CHOIR HYMN

[Please remain seated.]

CHANT

Taste and See

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- P** Let us pray...
C **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight

[Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues]

A1 ***We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.***

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound, to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

THE DISMISSAL

P Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory

B. Marcello

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