

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2017

15th Sunday after Pentecost / 24th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 19

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together.

We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Moore

PRELUDE

Organ

"Savior, Like Shepherd Lead Us"

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ryan Moore

Give praise to God!

Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves. . . .

It is God who forgives. . . .

It is God who delivers. . . .

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

(Hymn #95)

(VERSE 1)

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

(VERSE 2)

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

(VERSE 3)

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!

(VERSE 4)

Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

(VERSE 5)

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

“OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE”

(Hymn #557)

(VERSE 1)

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

(VERSE 2)

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;

open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

(VERSE 3)

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

TIME OF PRAYER

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Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.
Take pity on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

People of God, our sins are forgiven
God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.
Reconciled to the God who loves us,
let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

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SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

"I THEN SHALL LIVE"

(Hymn #507)

(VERSE 1)

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
the law of love I gladly will obey.

(VERSE 2)

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
then I'll be there to care and follow through.

(VERSE 3)

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
your power and glory, let them shine through me;
your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,
and may your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
and may you feed a hungry world through me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

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Invitation to the Offering

God is unfailing in blessing and love.
With thankful hearts,
let us offer up to God a portion of what
God has given us.

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

O God, we thank you for these gifts.
Multiply them, and enable the work of love
and the righteousness of your kingdom
in the world.

We thank and praise you. **Amen.**

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*You may bring your offering and/or light a candle at the front or
back of the sanctuary.*

The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

"Wondrous Love"

Organ

David N. Johnson

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Misty Rowley

Matthew 18:21–35 (NIV)

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^l was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the

other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

MESSAGE

Danielle Ramsay

“From Your Heart”

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“TEACH ME THY WAY, O LORD”

(Hymn #586

(VERSE 1)

Teach me thy way, O Lord, teach me thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford – teach me thy way!

Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
lead me with heavenly light, teach me thy way!

(VERSE 2)

When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
in failure or success, teach me thy way!

(VERSE 3)

When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!
When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me thy way!
Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief and pain;
make now my pathway plain, teach me thy way!

(VERSE 4)

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

BENEDICTION

Danielle Ramsay

POSTLUDE

Organ

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Peter Scholtes

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In the pulpit today: Danielle Estelle Ramsay is a native of Spokane, Washington. She recently graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and is continuing to discern her call to ministry. She loves serving God's people, and is happy to be back in the city of Spokane.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Exodus 14:19–31

Romans 14:1–12

Psalm 114 *or*

Matthew 18:21–35

Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21

Questions for Reflection

Forgiveness is a hard thing. When has someone forgiven you? Is there someone you need to forgive or from whom you need to ask forgiveness?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious and loving God,
thank you for this day.
Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy
throughout the day.
Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place,
and guide the work I have to do for today.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God,
thank you for keeping me in the safety of your arms
and for new mercies and the glory you showed
through the day.
Keep my family and me through the night.
I thank and praise you!
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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