

"As we must account for every idle word, so must we account for every idle silence."
~ Benjamin Franklin

* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Holy Manna* D. Kidwell

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey
you are welcome here!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *Sing, Praise and Bless The Lord!* Taizé

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 19)

L: Come into this sacred space to open your heart to the spirit of the living God; whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

P: **Come into this sacred space to open your heart to the spirit of the living God; whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear; whose judgements are true.**

L: Come with holy awe – to be given life, and made wise, to have your passion stirred and your eyes opened wide.

P: **Come! Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to your will and way in the world, O God. Amen.**

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN *O For A Thousand Tongues* B 42

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

LET US LISTEN

READING Esther 7:1-6

HYMN *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* B 318

REFLECTION "The Courage to Speak"

ANTHEM *Down In The Valley To Pray* J. Althouse

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE B 283

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

L: Let the people say...

P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Meditation*

*DOXOLOGY *B778 (tune: B780: Bourgeois, 1551)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN *We Limit Not The Truth of God* R 259

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN "Sevenfold Amen" R594

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah!* L. Cohen/M. Huff

Ministers: The People
Pastor: Rev. Steve Miller
Minister of Music: Gene Faxon
Lay Reader: Nancy Elder-Wilfrid
Greeter: Dan Isaacs
Ushers: Betsy Potter and Roy Lake
Setup: Weltha Barker
Flowers: Sharon Epple and Carol Schaab
In memory of our parents: Inge Schaab and Karl Epple

*Please join us for our quarterly meeting immediately following worship.
Coffee will be served in the sanctuary.*



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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