

September 27, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Consecration Sunday



*"Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name..."*
Philippians 2:9 NRSV

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE "Prelude in F Major" *J.S. Bach*
"As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship."

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Denny Randolph

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Philippians 2:10-11

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, and every tongue
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Glory and praise to God. Amen.

*HYMNS "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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- 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!
- 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 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!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Matt. 20:15 & Ps. 105:42

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interests before the interests of others and have not regarded them in humility. Forgive us of our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

In Christ's name we pray...

Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:28-32 p. 33

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Rock-a My Soul” arr. Hal H. Hopson

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 p. 284

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “An Imitation of Jesus” Matt Randolph

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN "O for a World" #372

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of compassion,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional "debts") hymnal p. 35

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
from "Sacred Harp"

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606

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.

Sending in God's Name

*HYMN "Take My Life" #697

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let the be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall no longer be mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

THE CONSECRATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**All those who are able may stand.*

Reflection for the Christian Life

The tax collectors and prostitutes, who were commonly known to be sinners, recognized God's righteousness in John the Baptist and Jesus, while the religious authorities (the elders) did not. Do you know of any comparable examples today?

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- **TODAY Sunday, September 27th**, Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, 9:00 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, September 27th**, Adult Sunday School, in the Conference Room, 10:20 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, September 27th**, Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, September 20th**, Celtic Sabbath in the Fellowship Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- **Monday, September 28th**, Boy Scouts Troop 53
- **Tuesday, September 29th**, Cub Scouts Pack 150
- **Wednesday, September 30th**, Men's Breakfast, Gus's Keystone Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 30th**, Communications & Marketing Meeting, in the Fellowship Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 30th**, Choir Practice, in the Choir Room, 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 4th, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday**
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