

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - OCTOBER 3, 2021



Marriage and family are a gift from God to be cherished and protected from negative influences. In our human sinfulness, we fail to care for our most valued relationships and instead get hung up on the questions of who's right and who's wrong. Fractured relationships are a reality of our broken lives, and even though Jesus understands, he points us to the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASTOR DAVE HANSEN (912) 826-2711

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ An personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - MUSICIAN: KIMBERLY BAZEMORE

HOLY COMMUNION, SETTING ONE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*Stand, Spoken*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:14-16, adapted*)

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Holy Spirit. Amen (*Psalms 51:1-2, 10-11, adapted*) (*A moment of silent confession*)

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

APOSTOLIC GREETING (*Spoken*)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR MERCY (*Spoken*)

P: Let us pray to the Lord for peace. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray to the Lord for salvation. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray to the Lord for the well-being of the world and the unity of the Church of God. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray for this holy house as we offer God our worship and praise. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

HYMN "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS" INSERT (*Sung*)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

Refrain **Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;**

Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation.

C: Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.

FIRST READING — GENESIS 2:18-25 *(Sit; p. 2 in pew Bible)*

SECOND READING — JAMES 3:1-12 *(Sit; p. 1200 in pew Bible)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand, Sung; Tune: LBW #464)*

Divine instructor, gracious Lord, May you be always near; Teach us to love your sacred Word and find our Savior there.

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – MARK 10:2-16 *(Spoken; p. 1005 in pew Bible)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Mark chapter 10. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE “YOUR WORD HAS POWER” MRS. KAREN WILLIAMS *(Sit)*

HYMN “LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE” LBW #423 *(Stand, Sung)*

**Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart:
Consecrating to your purpose Ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power To our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.**

APOSTLE'S CREED *(Spoken)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING HYMN *(Sung; LBW #410)*

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive, And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first fruits give.**

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer our selves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray, ... through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

BENEDICTION *(Spoken, Romans 15:13)*

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, through the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN" LBW #261 *(Sung)*

**On what has now been sown Your blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is yours alone To make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, And yours alone shall be the praise!**

**To you our wants are known, From you are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is your own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive And to your Word a blessing give.**

**Oh, grant that each of us, Now met before you here,
May meet together thus When you and yours appear,
And follow you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. *(Spoken)*

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE — MUSICIAN: KIMBERLY BAZEMORE

We thank Mrs. Karen Williams for leading our worship service today.

