

***The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021***

Worship Notes

We *give thanks* that you have joined us for worship this morning.
We *give thanks* that we are able to gather in this sacred space to hear and speak to God.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
in thanksgiving for the people of Emmanuel by Alice and Wayne Wilson .*

Our broadcast service is found on FM station 100.1

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As the Delta variant has brought new health challenges, the vestry and I, in consultation with health professionals, are exercising caution. Due to the recent rise in positive testing rates and in the numbers of cases, Pittsylvania County is now a High Risk area. These decisions were difficult but we feel are prudent. Our new health safety protocols are:

- Regardless of vaccination status, we are all wearing masks while inside either of our buildings. Those serving/leading worship will remove their mask when at the lectern or pulpit.
- Choir members will wear the special choir masks when singing.
- When coming forward during the distribution of the Holy Elements, please:
 - Come forward using the center aisle. Return to your pew via the side aisle.
 - Maintain 6' spacing!
 - Keep your mask on. Receive the bread and wine, step to the side. Then remove your mask. Place your cup on the tray. Put your mask back on.
- As you leave church to serve the Lord, please greet each other ***outside***.
- After the service, join us outside for Lemonade on the Lawn, keeping a 6 foot physical distance.

Birthdays in September

Anne Hunt 15

NEXT SUNDAY

***A very special service of dedication of two new recently installed plaques
in honor of Jim Mathieson and in memory of John Ruef.
Jim and Joan Mathieson and Jane Ruef will be joining us.***

September Vestry Meeting Notes

- Received proposal on Beech tree removal and, with great sadness, voted to remove the tree.
- Approved recommendation for removal of trees behind the parish house.
- Formed three new areas of focus on Sunday music, a tree plangent project and a history project with the four Episcopal Churches in our area.

Emmanuel Wonder Wednesdays 11 AM

Join us and our good conversations about living our faith!
This week we explore "In the Beginning: Genesis and John"!

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THE ENTRANCE RITE

Announcements
Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn (*please stand*) *How wondrous and great thy works, God of Praise* Hymnal 1982 #533

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Hymn of Praise (*standing*)

Hymnal 1982 # S280

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

The First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased.

So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response to the Reading

Psalm 19:7-14

read responsively by whole verse

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸ ***The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.***

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ ***More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.***

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² ***Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.***

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ ***Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.***

Hymn *(standing)*

Bring Forth the Kingdom of God

Insert

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ

will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

***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.***

The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. We invite your petitions in this silence

We are surrounded by people who are in pain, physically and spiritually. We pray that they are upheld by our prayer and come to know healing in their lives. We pray for: *Rosemary, Sharon, Ruth, Bill, Ashby, Jane, Charles, Jay, Macon, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, Brett, Ed, Larry, Dale, William, April, Jim and his wife Kathleen.*

Silence

We give thanks for all the people of Emmanuel, for whom the altar flowers are given.

In God's close keeping we pray for the forgiveness of our sins:

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2, EOW

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we now sing:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us with St. Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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 Bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

All are invited to receive communion or a blessing. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Hymn during communion

As the bread of life is broken

James J. Chepponis, Gustav Holst

*Chorus As the bread of life is broken,
the cup of love outpoured,
We Are one in Christ, our Savior,
and sent to serve the Lord.*

*1 We, the many who are gathered,
are united now as one.*

*In this joyful celebration,
we recall what God has done.*

*3 In the bread of life here given,
we become what we receive.*

*In the cup of love here offered,
we affirm what we believe.*

*2 In the word of God proclaimed here
the good news of truth is heard.*

*In the telling of the stories,
we are open to God's word.*

*4 Sent as blessing for God's people,
to go forth in love and peace,*

*In our witness to God's kingdom,
may our charity increase.*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

***Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.***

Blessing *(please stand)*

Friends, life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 1982 #344

Dismissal: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

We invite you to be seated for the postlude

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Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Becky Crites

Organist and Music Director: Kenyon Scott

Reader: Charles Williams

EM: John Geyer

Vestry

Laura Chappell (Sr. Warden) Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden),
Kenyon Scott, Rick Dixon, Betty Camp

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