

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 19th, 2019 | 8:30 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)
(blue and green are hymnal colors)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Save me, O God, by your name;

C: in your might, defend my cause.

L: Hear my prayer, O God;

C: give ear to the words of my mouth.

L: For you have rescued me from every trouble,

C: and my eye looks down on my enemies.

+HYMN #423 (Green) **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our comforter

C: Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: 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.

+ KYRIE pg. 57 (Green)

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 60 (Green) *This is the feast...*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God,

C: our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure,

then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so, you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so, you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

ACCLAMATION (pg. 62)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 9

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN *Jesus Loves Me* (on screen)

PRESENTATION OF 3rd Grade Bibles

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ **NICENE CREED** pg. 64 (Green)

+ **THE PRAYERS** pg. 65 (Green) (As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: "Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**")

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let the vineyards be fruitful* pg. 63(Green)

MEAL

+ **Offering Prayer** pg. 67 (Green)

+ **The Great Thanksgiving** pg. 68 (Green)

+ **Words of Institution.** pg. 69 (Green)

+ **The Lord's Prayer** pg. 71 (Green) (right hand column)

COMMUNION

+ **Blessing** P. 72 (Green)

+**Post Communion Canticle** pg. 72 (Green)

+ **Prayer** P. 74 (Green)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+**HYMN** #252 (Green) *You Servants of God*

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.