



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018



Westminster Peal

Prelude "Prelude Op. 23, No. 6" by Rachmaninoff

Choral Call to Worship "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)" by Marty Haugen
*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings; brought here to you in the light
of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of your name.*

† **Gathering as the Children of God** Rev. Susan Haynes

- One: The heavens shout of God's glory!
- All: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!**
- One: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.
- All: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.**
- One: Come, let us praise the God of creation.
- All: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Amen.**

† **Hymn No. 427** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

Prayer of Confession (unison) Elder Rita Sheffey
Oh, most holy God, we confess today how difficult it is to tame our tongues. We lay before you words that we wish we could unspeak, silence kept when it would have been better to speak, our double speak and inconsistency, all the talk behind backs, all the chatter that tears down, every confidence broken, every wound that words have inflicted. We pray that you would bridle our tongues, help us to think before we speak, guide us to use our words to build up rather than to tear down, and help our tongues to lead us to maturity in faithfulness. May the words of our mouths ever bring you glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Elder Sheffey
One: God forgives you when you but ask. Friends, believe the Good News.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† **Response** "Glory to the Father" (Hymn no. 567)
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

† Those who are able, please stand

"Glory to the Father," or the Gloria Patri, is an ancient form of praise to the three persons of the Trinity. Despite countless musical variations, the simple form and meaning of the Gloria Patri has been relatively unchanged since the fifth or sixth century.

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

Scripture Lesson (p. 570 OT)

Proverbs 1:20-33

Anthem/Special Music

"Lamb of God"

arr. by F. Melius Christiansen

*Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

Scripture Lesson (p. 216 NT)

James 3:1-12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Taming Your Tweet"

Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

† Hymn No. 274 (hymnal)

"O God of Earth and Space"

Church Family Life

Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row. If you are a visitor, we invite you to visit our information center located in the Narthex.

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small

Growing up in the Lutheran tradition, F. Melius Christiansen was a Norwegian born violinist and choral conductor who, at the beginning of the twentieth century, led the choir at St. Olaf's College in Minnesota to become one of the premier sacred choral schools in America.

Not to be confused with the Roman Catholic Church, "holy catholic Church" in the Apostles' Creed refers to the universal, or catholic, church made up of all Christians united by the Holy Spirit.



Offering

Offertory

"Piano Sonata Op. 27, No. 2"

by Beethoven

† **Response**

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

Elizabeth Small

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

† **Closing Hymn**

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Frank Mason North, 1905

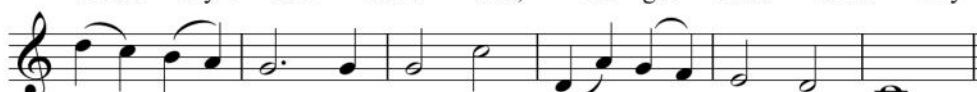
Thomas Williams, 1789; Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
4. The cup of wa - ter giv'n for Thee Still holds the
5. O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain - side, Make haste to
6. Till all the world shall learn Thy love, And fol - low



cries_ of__ race and clan, A - bove the noise of
thresh - olds__ fraught with fears, From paths where hide the
grief_ and__ bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness__ of Thy grace; Yet long these mul - ti
heal_ these_ hearts of pain; A - mong these rest - less
where Thy_ feet have trod; Till glo - rious from Thy



sel - fish_ strife, We hear Thy voice, O__ Son of Man.
lures_ of__ greed, We catch the vi - sion_ of Thy tears.
sor - row's stress, Thy heart has ne - ver__ known re - coil.
tudes to__ see The sweet com - pas - sion_ of Thy face.
throgs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's_ streets a - gain.
heav'n a - bove Shall come the ci - ty__ of our God.

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregation Response** (hymn no. 570)

"Amen"

† **Postlude**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

by Melchior Teschner, arr. Jan Sanborn

† Those who are able, please stand



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
 - As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
 - **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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