

GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn "O God of Every Nation" Hymnal #756

*Benediction and Choral Response "Now to the King Eternal" L. Sonnenberg

Postlude

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Christian Education is available for Children 5th grade and younger. They will be escorted from the front of the sanctuary right after the Children's Message. A Crib Room is available thru the narthex at the rear of the sanctuary. Questions? See an usher.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher.

If you are able, please stand where you see an asterisk.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 9:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words for Preparation:

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! - Philippians 4:1

Good morning! As the music for meditation is played and the acolyte lights the candles, please use this time in silent meditation as we prepare to worship and meet God in this sanctuary.

Music for Meditation

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

During this period, please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it through the pew and back to the aisle. If you have special prayers of praise or concern, write them on the cards in the pew racks, fold in half and pass them to the center aisle at the time of the prayers for the people. We conclude by singing together:

"I Will Call upon the Lord"

Hymnal #621

** I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.*

So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.

Refrain:

*The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted. (2x)*

Choral Introit:

"All People of God"

D. Fontana

The Call to Worship

Mary-Margaret Allen

Leader: If you want to be wise, listen up!

People: **Wisdom won't be found in the company of troublemakers.**

Leader: Smart-mouths, manipulators and know-it-alls won't lead you in the right way, either.

People: **Instead, wisdom is part and parcel with the Word of God.**

Leader: Wise people soak themselves in the Scriptures.

People: **The Bible doesn't stay on their shelves; they read it with eagerness and joy!**

Leader: Because they know the Word, wise people are ready when trouble comes.

People: **The Word feeds their souls.**

Leader: It renews their hearts so that they are at peace.

All: **We give you thanks, LORD, for your gracious Word!**

*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Hymnal #268

*Prayer of Adoration

*Congregational Response "Alleluia, Praise the Lamb"

Alleluia, praise the Lamb. Alleluia, praise the Lamb.

My heart sings this praise again. Alleluia, praise the Lamb.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR MERCY

Prayer of Confession

All: Most holy and merciful Father, We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: What then are we to say about these things?

People: **If God is for us, who is against us?**

Leader: God, who did not withhold the Beloved Son, but gave him up for all of us.

People: **Will God not also give us everything else?**

Leader: Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

People: **It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?**

Leader: It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

All: **Praise God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri Hymnal #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

Sermon on the Steps Kimberly Wilson

Choir Anthem: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" D. Wood

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Sermon "Wisdom from Above" Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

RESPONDING TO GOD

*Hymn "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" Hymnal #417

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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.

Giving God our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

All: God of great wonders, we join with you in the joy of giving. You give us life and breath, you fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to give. Accept these gifts, and ourselves in your service. Amen.