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18th Sunday After Pentecost



And one said, “thank you!”

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- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- LITURGY BY REV LAVON BAYLER
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“To God Be the Glory”** Robert J. Hughes

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
Sing your praise to the glory of God’s name.

**MANY: Great and awesome are the works of God.
The whole universe sings of God’s power.**

One: Gather to remember all that God has revealed.
Come to discover what God is doing among us.

**MANY: God is faithful and just in all things.
The promises of God are trustworthy and true.**

One: Present your best selves for God’s approval.
Work and witness without shame or pretense.

**MANY: Bless God, all people, and let our praise be
heard. The fear of God is the beginning of
wisdom.**

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 6 “Sing Praise to God”** v. 1-4

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Awesome God, who has given us life and kept our feet
from slipping, we thank you now for bringing us to this
place of worship and learning. Inspire us to speak
truthfully and listen attentively. Keep us from
wrangling over words in ways that divide. May we
prove to be faithful workers, devoted to healing and
reconciliation in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Let us give God our praise and thanksgiving.

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Lay Liturgist

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 66 Pages 662-663

EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Lay Liturgist

ANTHEM: "Ten Lepers"

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19**

This is the Word of God. It is true and can be trusted.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: "How Great Thou Art"**

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PASTORAL PRAYER:

(Beginning with silent personal prayer)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed
be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

OFFERTORY: “The Hands of Jesus” Roger C. Wilson

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780 (DIFFERENT WORDS)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 531 “God, Speak to Me”**

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: TUNE: “Amazing Grace”**

**Depart in peace to do God’s will;
Walk ever in the light,
For Christ is with you ever more,
To guide you day and night. *(Written by Ruth Duck)***

***POSTLUDE: “Praise the Lord!” Carol Kumler**