

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
19TH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE**

October 15, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Air from Suite in D" J.S. Bach
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT "Inch by Inch"

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather close and hear the Good News.

Among the poor, among the proud,

Men: Among the persecuted,

Women: Among the privileged,

ALL: Christ is coming to make all things new.

One: In our private homes, in our public arenas,

Men: In the wedding feast,

Women: In the judgement hall,

ALL: Christ is coming to make all things new.

One: That the Kingdom of Heaven might come,

And that the world might believe.

Men: That the powerful might know humility,

Women: That the hidden might be seen.

ALL: Christ is coming to make all things new.

*HYMN OF PRAISING "What Gift Can We Bring" No. 87

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" CUMC Choristers

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Where Children Belong

(congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

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CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER "Jesus Our Friend and Brother" No. 659 (2x)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER TAUGHT TO US BY JESUS

(ecumenical version)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

John Rutter

Lynn Hansen, oboe

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou shalt to prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20: 1-16

NT p. 21

Leader: This is a story about God's abundance. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

God's Story of Abundance—Yours, Mine and Ours:

SERMON

“Working to be Grateful more than Entitled”

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship Video

“Why Invest HERE?”

*A New Doxology

(words below)

***Gift by gift, week by week,
Growing Central's what we seek
Like a garden, so to speak.
Gonna make it fertile ground.***

***Pledge by pledge, in God's time.
We will grow and we will climb
With each step the Kingdom comes
And God's grace comes tumbling down***

*Prayer over The Gifts

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF SERVING

“A Man Owned a Vineyard”

(see insert)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

One: From where we are, to where You need us.

ALL: Jesus lead on!

One: From the security of what we know,
To the adventure of what You will reveal.

ALL: Jesus lead on!

One: Because good things have been prepared
For those who follow God.

ALL: Jesus lead on!

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Go Forth with God”

Grier and Everson

*POSTLUDE

“Thou Art the Rock”

Henri Mulet