

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE
September 23, 2018
11:00 A.M.
Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

CROP

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A kind word opens a closed flower.

People: A soul-deep prayer lifts the clouds.

Leader: A generous gift loosens hardened hearts.

People: A quiet deed catches another's attention.

Leader: A heartfelt forgiveness releases new possibilities.

People: Each act of love, each measure of care,

Leader: Weaves a strand in God's kingdom

People: And causes the heart to sing.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us"

No. 100

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. 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.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you've called us to love one another. We hear this truth and want to obey, but we confess that we long for something more specific, more directive. And so we pray, Lord, for eyes to see the needs in our faith community, and we pray to be people of love. We ask for ears to hear stories of hurt and longing and pain and disappointment, and we pray to be people of love. We ask for shoulders to bear the burdens of those near us on the journey of life, and we long to be a people of love. In Jesus Name we pray and welcome God's forgiveness. Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus United by Thy Grace"

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Allen Pote

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 18: 1-9

(OT p. 262)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

How Will You Measure Your Life?

SERMON

Part 2: "Invest in Relationships"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing"

No. 2230

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

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

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for David and Jonathan, and for their friendship: a model of all that is courageous, trustworthy and true. Thank you, God, for the greatest of all loves, that of Jesus Christ, who has laid down his life for us and called us friends. Thank you, God, for the power of your Holy Spirit, who enables us to keep covenant in our relationships, and who empowers us to pour out our love for one another. Out of gratitude we generously give our lives and our gifts to spread this good news. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"O Lord, May Church and Home Combine"

No. 695

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Peace I Leave With You"

Matthew Glandorf

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.