

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE
September 15, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Prelude in G major" Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

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

*GREETING NEIGHBOR AS A SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE

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

One: We bid you welcome

You who come with spirits high or low,

**All: Who come with troubles that are too much for you,
who come hurt and afraid.**

One: We bid you welcome who come with hope in your heart,

**All: Who come with a spring in your step,
who come proud and joyous.**

Two: We bid you welcome who are seekers of new faith,

**All: Who come to probe and explore and be curious,
who come to learn.**

Three: We bid you welcome who enter this place as a homecoming.

**All: Who have found room here for your spirit,
who find in this people a home.**

Leader: So whoever you are, whatever you are,
wherever you are on your journey, welcome home.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Together We Serve"

No. 2175

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (sung processional)

***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 sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!***

(sung recessional)

***I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray
so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!***

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

(see below)

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 "Come, We That Love the Lord" David vonKampen
soloist: Claire Olinik

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 4: 1-2,8-9 (OT p. 4)

Key verse: Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

Exodus 3: 1-5 (OT p. 50)

Key verse: Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight."

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

SERMON "Compassion: How to Change Your World" Sermon Series
"Cultivating Curiosity"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN "Would I Have Answered When You Called" No. 2137

*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.

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN FOR GOING OUT TO SERVE "Our God, You Called to Moses" (see below)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Help Me Love" Diane Clark

*POSTLUDE "Fugue in G major" Johann Sebastian Bach

*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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

"You Make All Things New"

One: God of all new things, God of Summer-become-Fall.
God of hope when life changes. Bless us, we pray this day.

ALL: God of all things passing away, and of all things become new.

God of the old and all yesterdays, as well as the curious and the new. We seek blessing and alive-ness in your presence this day.

One: Loving God, we offer up our prayers of concern this day -
for those struggling to rebuild lives from natural disasters,
especially those recovering from the recent hurricanes,
And for those too recovering from human-made disasters
like failed economies and leaders without vision.
And for those struggling with illness in body and spirit.
So we pray for all leaders and those who are led.

**ALL: Oh, we know you hear us when we pray. Oh, incline
your ear to our words, and us to your Spirit's curious call -
silent, ...shouting, ...whispering, ...even wordless.**

(space for silence)

One: Surprise us even in our suffering and the suffering we see, by stirring us up to lean in and pay
attention, to be curious even when our hard hearts close us off from you. Be gentle. Be
gentle. O God, be God!

Anoint us, Holy One and fill us with a curious interest in others,
To look into the face of the Other, and then labor for a world
that reflects your Justice and Mercy. Living God, we see how father,
mother, daughter, son, neighbor, stranger, even adversaries -
All become reconciled in your stubborn redemptive love.

**ALL: So we celebrate and rejoice -The old has passed away In you
and your resurrection, In your life and love, everything becomes new! We pray in the
name of Jesus, who reveals you in new ways even now. . .**

HYMN FOR GOING OUT TO SERVE

"Our God, You Called to Moses"
(TUNE: "Lead On, O King Eternal")

*Our God, you called to Moses to set your people free.
What wrongly some suppose is: he answered easily.
"I'm not the one you're seeking!" he seemed instead to say.
"My strength is not in speaking; God, find another way!"*

*And yet, O Lord, you told him to trust in what you said.
Your strength would surely hold him through all those days ahead
Though many would oppose him, by your own name he'd know:
You were the one who chose him to help your people go.*

*You call each congregation to serve those lost and poor.
We doubt our own vocation; we ask, "Lord, are you sure?"
Yet you give gifts for sharing, you show us what to say.
Your Spirit gives us daring to serve Christ every day.*