

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE  
September 29, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE "Chorale in E" César Franck

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED  
*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*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

One: For your word of life that blesses us everyday, we give thanks to you,  
Loving God.

**All: May your word today be a seed that takes root and produces good fruit in us.**

One: May your word today grow us closer to the likeness of Christ.

**All: With expectant hearts we lift our songs of praise.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping 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 worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

HYMN "Lord, Listen to Your Spirit Praying" No. 2193

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be. When we deprive others of that same opportunity,

**All: Forgive us.**

One: When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field,

**All: Forgive us.**

One: When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who

they are,

**All: Forgive us.**

One: When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,

**All: Forgive us.**

One: When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there,

**All: Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience and generous compassion. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"Lord of the Small"

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing. who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid who girds them with courage and lends them His aid, He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak, that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill who heals their afflictions or carries them till, they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly. to never be sick and never to die. Praise him, O praise Him all ye who live who've been given so much and can so little give our frail lisping praise God will never despise- He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13: 24-30

(NT p. 14)

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*

"Compassion at The Margins"

Rev. Paul Perez

LITANY OF RESPONSE TO THE WORD

(see below)

**BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

OFFERTORY HYMN

"For Everyone Born a Place at the Table"

(see below)

\*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT	"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"	No. 2184
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	"Go with God's Love"	Diane Clark
*POSTLUDE	"In Thee is Gladness"	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.

## LITANY OF RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: Lord, you send out your Spirit,

**All: And renew the face of the earth.**

Leader: Look with love on all those you have created,

**All: Help us to see your image in the many peoples of this earth.**

Leader: Open your hand to fill all your children with good things,

**All: Call us to care for all who are hungry and without shelter.**

Leader: For families separated at the border,

**All: Teach us to provide protection and hope.**

Leader: For members of our church and community who suffer fear and isolation,

**All: Give us hearts filled with generosity and welcome.**

Leader: For refugees who long for home,

**All: Fill us with grace to embrace them as sisters and brothers.**

Leader: Lord, you send out your Spirit,

**All: And renew the face of the earth.**

Leader: For all who flee poverty, persecution, war and violence,

**All: Let us walk with them as they make new beginnings.**

Leader: For all who learn a new language, start a new enterprise, make a new friend,

**All: Let us celebrate the many gifts they bring.**

Leader: For the whole human family, brought together in your love,

**All: We rejoice in the Lord.**

Leader: Lord, you send out your Spirit,

**All: And renew the face of the earth.**

## A Place at the Table

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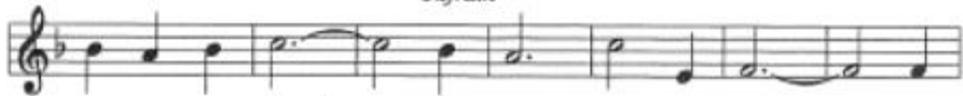
1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for  
 2. For wom - an and men, a place at the ta - ble, re -  
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a  
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -  
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, — a shel - ter, a  
 vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, — with wis - dom and  
 voice to be heard, a part in the song, — the hands of a  
 bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give, — in an - ger, in  
 live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, — to work, to speak



space, a safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery - one born, a  
 grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for wom - an and man, a  
 child in hands that are wrin - kled, for young and for old, the  
 hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for just and un - just, a  
 out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery - one born, the

*Refrain*

star o - ver - head. —  
 sys - tem that's fair. —  
 right to be - long. — And God will de - light — when  
 new way to live. —  
 right to be free. —



we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, — yes, God will de -



light — when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, —



jus - tice and joy! —