

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

PRELUDE “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” -arr. J. Linker

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively – we encourage masking*)

One: God of all, we gather today as Your Children, younger and older alike.

All: We come humbly and open ourselves to Your wisdom.

One: God of all, we gather that we might grow in faith and understanding.

All: We come that we might hear Your call to live peaceable, gentle, yielding, merciful, and fruitful lives.

Everyone: Come let us worship the God of Peace!

• OPENING HYMN #276 “We Gather Together” (*While singing we encourage masking*)

• GATHERING PRAYER

Parenting God, we come together as Your children, younger and older alike yearning to learn what it means to follow in the Way of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. May we welcome all into your House, O God, as though we were welcoming Jesus and may we be open and willing to grow in the Way of Your Love. Forgive us when we fail to love as you have called us to love. Open us to Your wisdom that we might learn how to care for one another and for the world beyond the walls of this church. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who welcomed all Your children into Your beloved community. Amen.

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all – we encourage masking*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

• PASSING OF THE PEACE (*As we greet those around us with sign of peace, please be respectful of each other's comfort level.*)

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Make Me a Servant”

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Mark 9:30-37** (*page 45*)

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES - “WELCOMING”

(Children are invited to join the Sunday School teachers, who will be masked, in the back of church for outdoor Sunday School. Parents are welcome to join their children if they choose this morning.)

Second Reading: **James 3:13-18** (page 230)

SERMON “Centered in Christ” Rev. Franz Rigert, WI Conference Minister, UCC

LITANY FOR COMMISSIONING A PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE (*See insert*)

CALL TO OFFER OUR TIME AND TALENTS

(Offering plates can be found at the center doors outside the sanctuary. Giving is also possible online through GIVE+ on our website and through the sharing of your gifts in service.)

MUSICAL REFLECTION “Children of the Heavenly Father” -arr. R. Lau

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 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.**

• CLOSING HYMN #677 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
(While singing we encourage masking.)

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Closing Voluntary” - S. Clark

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a cup of “socially distanced” (but still delicious) coffee, juice, or tea after church either in the narthex or outside, (if it’s a beautiful day). Hopefully the need to wear masks and respect social distancing, for the health and safety of all, will only be temporary protocol.

Thank you for your patience, your understanding, and your care for our “neighbors”.

Let us continue to pray for the health of our community, country and the world.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

Families, we will collect the children following the scripture readings today. We will be outside working on our Class Covenant and making a fun craft project. All teachers are committed to masking at this time to keep your children safe. The children will be brought back to the narthex following worship. Hope you will join us!



USHERS NEEDED

Emanuel is looking for ushers! If you are interested in helping out with this important job, please contact the church office or Eileen Kvalheim.