

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 8, 2023—10am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"Faith of Our Fathers" arr. by Marianne Kim

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken.  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart, I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.  
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

**Refrain:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on me.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing.  
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.

I have longed to know You - - and Your tender mercies,  
like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.  
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence;  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

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**+ Greeting**

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+Word+**  
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

**Psalm 19**

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**+ Gospel Acclamation**

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**+ Gospel Reading**

Matthew 21:33-46

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

“Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

**Refrain:** Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you; We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.

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**+ Apostles' Creed**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Proper Preface**

**+ Sanctus**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer**

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

**Distribution Song**

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**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

## + Sending Song

“I Will Follow”

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;  
when You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone. Higher  
than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move.  
I will follow You. Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve;  
if this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, light into my life—I will live for You alone. You're the One  
I seek, knowing I will find, all I need in You alone. In You alone.

In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for my soul.  
In You, there's joy, unending joy; And I will follow. I will follow.

I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

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## + Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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