

The liturgical color is green for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Recitative and Aria" Wayne Wold
Amy Bender, organ

WELCOME 9:00 Jan Rose, 11:00 Kate Colbow, liturgists

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: There is a river of life-giving water

MANY: Flowing from the throne of God.

ONE: Beside the river is the tree of life

MANY: And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

ONE: We won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun.

MANY: We will see the face of God.

ALL: The glory of the Lord will shine on us forever.

Adapted from Revelation 22

***OPENING HYMN** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" UMH 703

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we know Jesus will come again. May we be found faithful and expectant when he returns. Thank you for sending him the first time to live in our world and take away our sin. Thank you even more for his next coming to take us to live in your world and share in your victory over sin. In the name of Jesus my Lord, we pray. Amen.

Written by Phil Ware from verseoftheday.com

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

ANTHEM 9:00 "Father of Light" Craig Courtney
Capella: Laurie Babcock, Noralee Starr, Karen Nemelka, Tammy Palermo

11:00 "On Faith Alone" arr. Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 25:6-8, p. 500

FAITH IN ACTION

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 9:00 "Down to the River to Pray" arr. Mary McDonald

11:00 "And Can It Be" Dan Forrest

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery and wonder, we bring our doubts to you. We confess that all too often, we have allowed doubt to overcome faith. We have turned away when our questions became too hard or too painful. We have preferred easier, smaller imitations of the truth to the life and faith you desire for us. We have sought refuge in certainty. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to a heartfelt belief that is unafraid of doubt, that welcomes mystery, that trusts in you. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***HYMN OF CENTERING**

"Amazing Grace"

UMH 378

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by John Newton. He was born in London, England in 1725. His religious mother died when he was six and John had a difficult childhood. He joined a merchant ship at age eleven. He was later pressed (forced) into the Royal Navy. He fell in love with Mary "Polly" Catlett and left his ship to see her. He was subsequently flogged and traded to a merchant ship. He became the captain of a slave trading ship. He nearly drowned during one difficult voyage and this was the beginning of his conversion to Christianity. He married Polly and eventually left the slave trade. He became, with the encouragement of John Wesley, a Church of England Cleric. The words to Amazing Grace were originally a poem Newton wrote and read to his congregation on New Year's Day, 1773. These words reflected his own regretful past. William Walker set Newton's poem to music in 1835 using the tune New Britain. Newton became a leader in the abolitionist movement in England. He worked with William Wilberforce, a member of the British Parliament, to pass the Slave Trade Act of 1807 which abolished slave trade in Great Britain. Newton died months later in 1807.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-3, p. 763

MESSAGE

"Doubt & Faith IV: Is Heaven Real?"
Rev. Tammy Palermo

HYMN OF MISSION

"Soon and Very Soon"

UMH 706

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG RESPONSE**

"Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

"Agincourt Hymn"

John Dunstable

*Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance
from Adam Hamilton worship resources for this series*

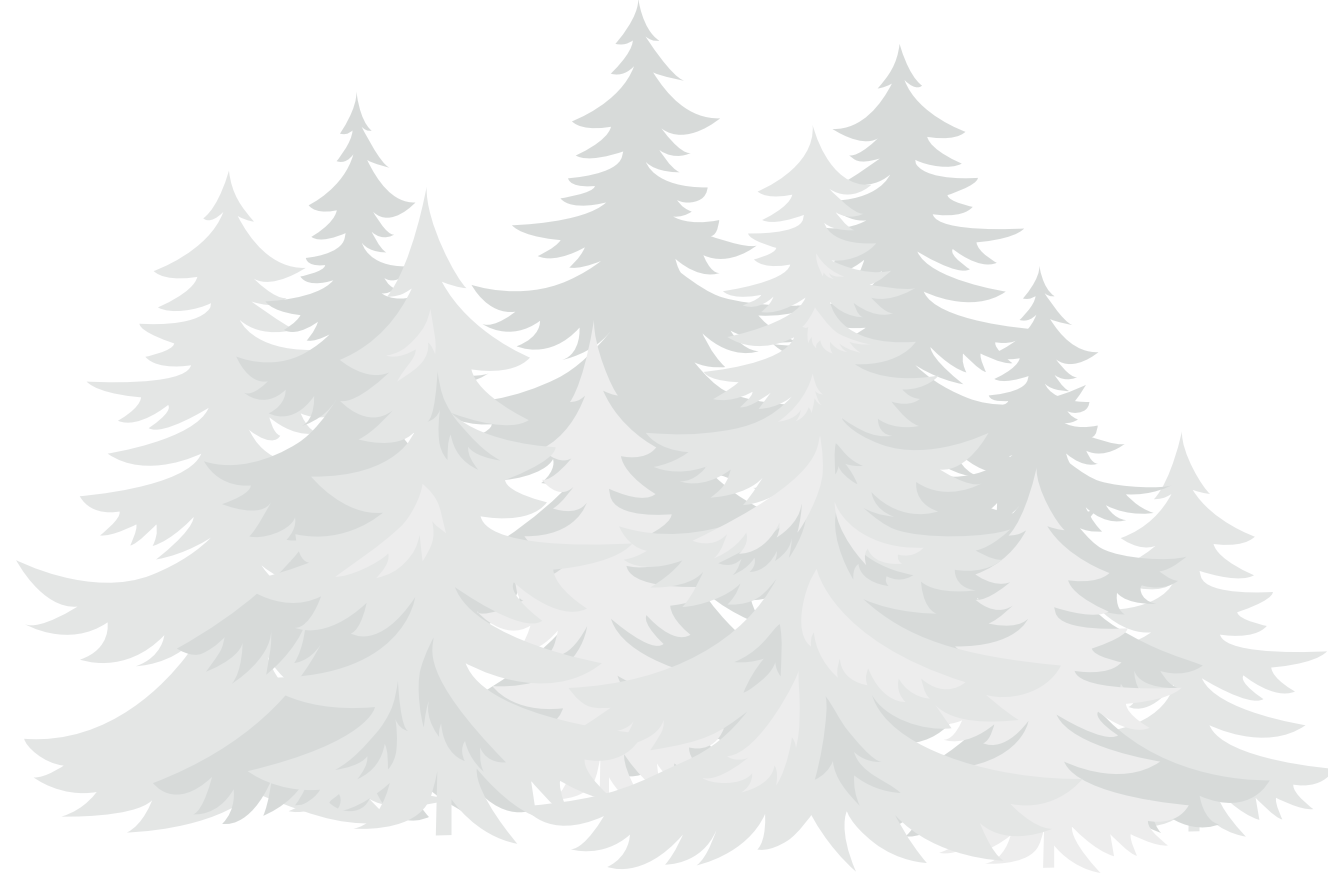
• Altar Flowers are presented by Bob Grusendorf
In Celebration of his wife, Liz Grusendorf's birthday! •

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Sue Martensen
In Loving Memory Mel & Esther Martensen, parents,
and Essie Creasy & Dorothy Kucharski, sisters

• For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485 •

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Upcoming *This Week*

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- Knitting Group
- Caring Servants Meeting

Monday, September 30

- Parent's Morning Out
- Godspell Study
- Carr Journey Group

Thursday, October 3

- Wrestling With Doubt Class
- Bell Choir rehearsal
- Chancel Choir rehearsal
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