

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 1st, 2023

\*Please stand

As you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude**  *BRADBURY Variations* Ivan Burnett, Jr.

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: As a stream flows through a desert giving life,

**All: So your Spirit pours into us renewing life.**

One: Even when we quarrel with bitterness

**All: You are among us inviting us to peace.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** 648 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

HYFRYDOL

1.God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-sped flame and

Hovering dove, breath of life and voice of prophets, sign

of blessing, power of love: give to those who lead your

People fresh anointing of your grace; send them forth as

bold apostles to your church in every place.

3. Great Creator, life bestower, truth beyond all

thought’s call, fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving

and forgiving all: as you know our strength and

Weakness, so may those the church exalts over see her

Life steadfastly yet not overlook her faults.

4. Triune God, mysterious being, undivided

And diverse, deeper than our minds can fathom, greater

Than our creeds rehearse: help us in our varied.

Callings your full image to proclaim, that our ministries

Uniting may give glory to your name.

Opening Prayer

**Lord, open our hearts and minds as by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.  Amen**

*(UM Prayer for Illumination pg. 34 BOW)*

Scripture Lesson Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:

incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from the old,

things that we have heard and known,

that our forebears have told us.

We will not hide them from their children,

but tell to the coming generation

the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might,

and wonders God has wrought.

The Lord wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears

in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan,

the Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it,

and made the waters stand like a heap,

led them with a cloud in the daytime,

And all the night with a fiery light,

cleft rocks in the wilderness,

and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,

made streams come out of the rock,

and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Children’s Moment

**Music of Preparation** *Come to me* Dan Forrest

Isabel Aurora Burgos-DeStephanis, *cello*

The Chancel Choir

**Scripture Lesson Exodus 17:1-7**

Sermon Thirsty

Musical Response

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation Offering

Offertory *Gift of Finest Wheat* setting by Charles Callahan

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

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.

\*Offertory Prayer

Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You shaped us from the dust of the earth and breathed life

into us, forming humanity in your image.

By your mighty hand you saved your people from Egypt,

dividing the waters, providing food and water in the desert,

protecting your people so that none were lost.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of

heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the**

**highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the**

**Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from our

slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant

by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took

bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his

disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is

given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is the new covenant,

poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus

Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a

holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for

us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these

gifts of food and drink. Make them be for us the body and

blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of

Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ,**

**one with each other, and one in ministry to all the**

**world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast**

**at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus**

**Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all**

**honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now**

**and forever.**

**Amen**

Communion Hymn *2126 All Who Hunger* HOLY MANNA

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna

Is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for

Days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God

is good

2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a

Welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were

Lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God

is good

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

\*Sending Hymn *130 God Will Take Care of You* MARTIN

1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.  
  
Refrain:  
God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

3. All you may need he will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
nothing you ask will be denied,  
God will take care of you.  
(Refrain)  
  
4. No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you.  
(Refrain)

\*Benediction

Remember who you are, a child of God, known, named, loved, and called. Know that God - Source, Word, and Spirit - is our help from age to age. Go into the world to love and serve.

**Postlude**  *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Ivan Burnett, Jr.

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