

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 8th 2023

\*Please stand

As you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. M Compton

The Christ Church Ringers

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God’s creative power!

**All: Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.**

One: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

**All: In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.**

One: So that we might reflect to one another the goodness of God.

**All: Praise God for God’s complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.**

Adopted from a prayer written by Nancy C. Townley, posted on the Ministry Matters website.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

FOREST GREEN

1. I sing the almighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.  
  
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where’re I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky.  
  
3. There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

Opening Prayer

Liberating God, you call us to care for one another as the essence of your rule of life. Open our hearts to your word today so that we might continue to become a people who care for one another in all we do. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;

their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth

and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy.

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens

and its circuit to the end of them,

and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,

reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure,

making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right,

rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear,

enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure,

enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true

and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,

even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey

and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect one’s own errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless

and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**Music of Preparation** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. B. Childers

The Christ Church Ringers, Jeneanne Rabon flute

Given by Dot & Paul Waugaman in honor of the birthday

of Janet Waugaman

**Scripture Lesson** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Sermon You shall be...

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession:

God of covenants and commandments, we often get tangled up in what we cannot, shall not, and should not do. We get so lost in the negative we do not hear the affirmations that are right before our eyes. Love one another, worship God, rest, be fair and honest in all dealings, tell the truth, respect the relationships of others and respect those who care for us, and appreciate what we have. Remind us always to be a people who are shaped by your commandments so that we might bear the imprint of Christ to all the world. Amen.

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

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation Offering

Offertory *The Greatest of These is Love*

Alejandro D. Consolacion III

Sina Respicio, solo

\*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

\*Sending Hymn 404 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* PENTECOST

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,

I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,

I will pray.

1. Up on the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his

Mouth came fire and smoke. All around me looks so

fine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

2. Jordan river runs right cold, chills the

body, not the soul. Ain’t but one train on this

track, runs to heaven and right back.

\*Benediction

**Go forth today as people caring for people that in living a life patterned after God’s grace, you may share the hope, joy, forgiveness, and love you receive from God with your neighbors wherever you go!**

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**Postlude**  *Toccatina* AlejandroD. Consolacion III

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Stephen Minister: Georgia Carmichael

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“I Sing the Almighty Power of God*”*

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“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Words: Afro American spiritual (Rom. 8:15-17)

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