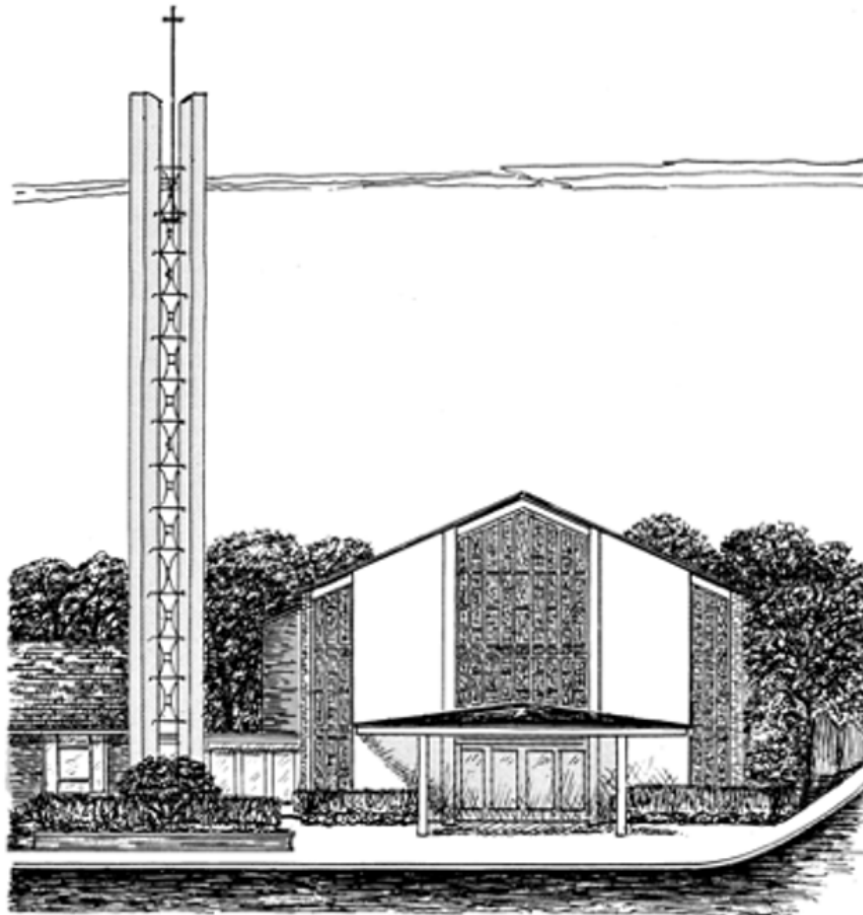


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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Opening Ourselves to Worship

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship (People's response in bold.)

Leader: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have looked behind, longing for what was there, instead of looking forward to where you lead us. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. You lead us from the past and into the future. Teach us to hear your word and follow your call. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. We pray this, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music for Reflection

The Children's Time to Lead Us

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Music for Reflection

Sermon

Rev. Lorrin Radzik

Affirmation of Faith

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Transforming Our Lives & the World

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
O God, who is ever present, you hear our cries and are ever faithful in your mercy. We
come to you with our concerns for ourselves, our community, and the world.
For our church and its leaders: fill them with the spirit and mind of Christ so that they
would serve you and others. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
For our country and global community: enable our leaders to make decisions for the sake
of people and not profits, to serve others and not themselves. Lord in your mercy, **hear
our prayer.**
For our local community: for those on our prayer list, for those who serve and lead among
us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
For those who suffer with sickness, sadness, bereavement, anxiety, or abuse: envelop
them in your love and help us to be their community. Lord in your mercy, **hear our
prayer.**
For the other intentions we hold in our hearts. [*A time of silence is kept.*] Lord in your
mercy, **hear our prayer.**
Loving God, we know that you walk with us, and you answer when we call.
With gratitude and trust, we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Time of Silent Prayer

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.

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. Empower us by your Spirit to turn our eyes forward, so that we can live lives filled with gratitude for all that you continue to do in our lives and through our church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Proclamation of Thanksgiving – Psalm 150 – Book of Common Prayer

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power.

People: Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness.

Leader: Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; praise him with lyre and harp.

People: Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.

Leader: Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Benediction

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