

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth
in the Christian Church, it is the nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Three American Folk Songs" arr. Julie Hepler
Jackie Zielke, flute; Marianne Carrel, oboe; Gayle Kish, clarinet; Carol Chenoweth, bassoon

WELCOME Paula Langdon, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
In story and song, in silence and sacrament,
we are reminded that God’s relationship with us which lasts forever.
Here, in this place, we discover the great things God has done.
Where we can return home full of joy, after being lost for so long.
Here, we hear those promises made so long ago,
from the One who repairs all our mistakes.
Here, in this place, we welcome all,
to the One who reshapes our brokenness and faults.
Here, with these people, we find our true home.
We come to honor God!

***OPENING HYMN** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" UMH #453

OPENING PRAYER
Lord, today we recall your faithfulness. We come to you and we lay our lives before you. May we adore you with every fiber of our being. May everything within us cry "Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come". So, as we join with the whole world of worshippers, we worship and confess you alone as Lord. From this point on, we sing, pray, and preach your goodness to us. Bless this service. 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.

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

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC "Minuet" from Water Music G. F. Handel

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 5:10-12, 19-20 pg. 474

KIN-DOM SIGNS

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY "Bouree" from Water Music" G. F. Handel

***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**
I offer You all my works and actions today. I offer You all my thoughts and intentions, all my affections and desires. I gladly offer these, and all I have, to You Lord. Accept my giving, Amen.

HYMN OF CENTERING "Are Ye Able" UMH #530

SCRIPTURE Matthew 19:16-26 pg. 696

MESSAGE "Discovering Gravity" Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

***CLOSING HYMN** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" UMH #368

***FAITH IN ACTION**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG 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 "The Rejoicing" G. F. Handel



Altar Flowers are presented by Sally Carr
In Loving Memory of Parents, Cecil O. and Margaret Sprague

For flowers please call Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485



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October 8, 2023
Traditional Worship



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Luke Sanvido, Star Bruno, David Fell, Norma Ickes, Bob Williams,
Ruthie Hobart, Mike Cosmo

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