

## GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## HARVEST HOME BLESSING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be...all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin...Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries...to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

September 27, 2020  
17th Sunday after Pentecost



## OPENING HYMN

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (ELW 693)

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home. Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide. Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for

the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen, amen.

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you

are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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and peace to God's people on earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17: 1-7

## **LADIES ENSEMBLE ANTHEM:**

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of

*For the Fruits of All Creation*, arr. Holstein

caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

## **SECOND READING:** Philippians 2: 1-13

*Children and their grown ups may follow Rosalie for  
Four-Square Family Faith Formation*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL:** Matthew 21: 23-32

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

## *This is My Father's World* (ELW 824)

This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## PEACE

*remaining in place, turn and offer a word or bow of peace to your neighbor*

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION // LORD'S PRAYER // COMMUNION

## BLESSING

Mothering God...the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises (ELW 535)*

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah!

We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. Refrain

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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