



Service of Worship
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2010
8:45am



"Mustard seeds" by WordRidden

We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.

***For parents with young children:** a nursery is available during all services in the lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located under each chair.*

◆ **Prelude**

◆ **Gathering Song** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* 620
(v. 1,2,7)

◆ **Welcome and Announcements**

◆ **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God of justice and compassion,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen**

P: Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

◆ **Opening Song**

How Firm a Foundation

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◆ **Greeting**

P: The grace given to us in Christ Jesus, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray:

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

◆ **First Reading**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, 3:17-19

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ¹ I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. ¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the

◆ *Children's Message* *Pastor Mark Nelson*

◆ *Song* *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* 512

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◆ *Song* *We Walk by Faith* 635

◆ *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

◆ *Offering Response* *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

◆ *Offertory Prayer*

P: God of all creation,

C: All you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might offer the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

◆ *Prayer Song* *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* 814

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

◆ *Prayers of the Church*

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Wendell Olson, Barbara Lockwood, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Lou Vietti/Pat Lahti family, Roger Rowlette, Bob Meyer **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen, Karen Fredricks, Evin Roley, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar, Scott Hyde **Those Who Grieve:** Judy Brandriet and family on the death of Joe Smith, the Jon Hansen family on the death of Jon's mother Marjorie Hansen, the Young family on the death Jon and David's mother Phyllis **Military:** Joshua Lee, Matt Janssen*

◆ *Holy Communion*

Jesus gives of himself in the bread and wine and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. All are welcome at His table. In addition to red wine, white grape juice is also available. We also have gluten free/wheat free/corn free/soy free wafers. If you would like this type please identify yourself when receiving Communion. If you are not able to come forward to receive Communion please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you.

Words of Institution

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 and ever. Amen.

◆ *Distribution Music* *Beautiful Savior*

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◆ *Communion Blessing and Prayer*

P: Let us pray:

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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◆ ***God's Blessing to Us***

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

◆ ***Song***

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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◆ ***Sending***

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Dave and Nancy Dynneson in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary.

Worship Assistants

Usher: Jeremy and Julia Macejkovic
Greeter: Vi Engquist
Lector: Dave Dynneson
Communion Assts: Carl and Susie Reinighaus
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Music: Jon and Anita Young

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