

**18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021**

**Director of Christian Education
Director of Music/Organist
Church Secretary
Clerk of Session**

**Rev. (Dr.) Randall McGee
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Kat Hutchings
Ms. Marilyn Jackson**

Order of Worship

Prelude "There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. Dale Wood)

(Silent meditation and prayer)

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the seeker find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful be comforted. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Welcome and *Greeting One Another Liturgist

Call to Worship (Responsive) Liturgist and Congregation

All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary.

Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit has washed over us and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Glory to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

* **Hymn** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 729

* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

* **Gloria Patri** Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* **Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed** (Unison) Liturgist and Congregation

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Invitation to stand

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Guest Preacher and Congregation

Gracious God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison (No. 582)

Congregation

Declaration of God's Pardon

Guest Preacher

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Unison) Guest Preacher and Congregation

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

To share your joys and concerns, please contact the pastor or the church office.

The Offering

Offertory

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please drop your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

*** Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology No. 606

**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.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Guest Preacher

Special Music

"The Gift of Love"
(arr. Hal Hopson)

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: James 5:13-20 (p. 1013 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

Response: This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Mark 9:38-50 (p. 845 Pew Bible)

Guest Preacher

Response: This is the Gospel of Christ!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“What to Do”

Traci Truly

* **Hymn**

“I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”

No. 700

* **Charge and Benediction**

Guest Preacher

* **Postlude**

Organist

Hearing assistance devices are available.
Please check with an usher.

Assisting in worship today is Kathleen Arthur, liturgist.
The usher is Allison Curry, and the greeter is Christi Malouf.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26th

Sunday

12:00 Yoga

Thursday

6:00 Zoom Yoga



SESSION MEMBERS

Marilyn Jackson - Clerk

Class of 2022

Tricia Johnson

Daniel Robinson

Lorraine Stephen

Pelham Swift

CLASS OF 2023

Bruce Huckaba

Dee Huckaba

Marilyn Jackson

CLASS OF 2024

Kathleen Hale

Christi Malouf

Susie Miller