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Fall Worship Series - Sunday, September 19, 2021





Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

September 19, 2021 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to all our members, friends, and visitors to worship this morning! When you see an * and if you may do so comfortably, please stand.

Greetings

Prelude

"How Firm a Foundation"

Jimmy Bloomquist, trombone

arr. Molly Ijams

*Call to Worship (Join in reading)

Leader: In the beginning was love, a breath moving over still waters.

People: Love lives and grows here.

Leader: A light shined in the darkness and it shines for all ages.

People: Light and hope shine through us now.

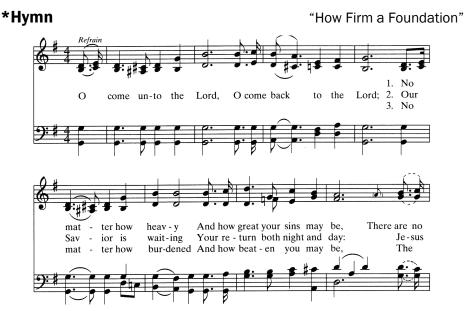
Leader: God calls us "Beloved" and provides a way in the night.

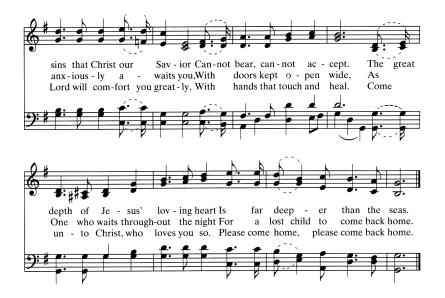
People: Beloved, let us find that way together.

Leader: God promises never to leave us, not now and not ever.

People: Love and light will guide us home.

All: Come, let us worship God!





*Prayer of Invocation (Join in reading)

God of Love, we long to know the comfort of your companionship.

We would love you with our whole hearts, if we could.

We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us.

Move with us beyond the confines of familiar habits.

Set us free us from the limitations of our language, and expand our understanding of you.

Teach our hearts to speak your love.

Shine your light through us that we might reflect

your full image among all whose lives touch ours. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Gloria

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

Children's Choir

"What Does the Lord Require?"

Mark Burrows

Children's Celebration

*Pledge of the Congregation

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hope and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen savior.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14 John 1:29 Pew Bible HB p. 16, & 17-18 Pew Bible NT p. 92

*Sermon Hymn

"I Will Trust in the Lord"









Sermon

Dr. Edith Guffey

Call to Offering

Offertory

"Offertory"

Chancel Choir
John Ness Beck

*Doxology (Join in singing)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, you heavenly host; praise God, and Christ and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

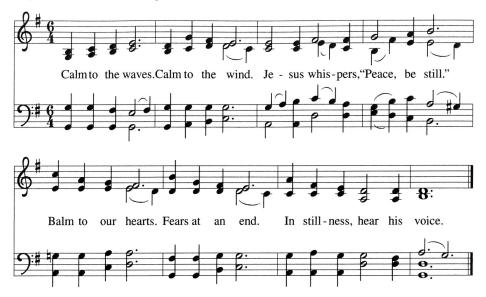
*Plymouth Covenant (Join in reading)

In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus, we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all. We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God's ways, made known or to be made known to us; to love one another; to proclaim the Gospel to all the world; to work and pray for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of our shared humanity. And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the gift of life eternal. Amen.

Call to Prayer (When prompted, read bold text and join in singing.)

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.



Lord's Prayer (Join in reading)

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

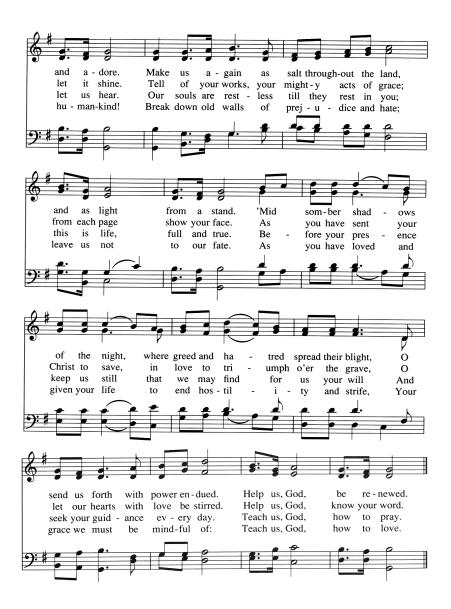
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Response to Prayer (See hymn from above)





*Benediction

Congregational Response (people seated and singing)

God be with you till we meet again.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

Plymouth Chimes

Postlude

"Bourrée"

Jimmy Bloomquist, trombone
G.F. Handel

Participants in the Service

Preaching this morning

Dr. Edith Guffey

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

Kim Manz

Musician

Marilyn Epp, piano

Lay Reader

Laura Mielke

Sound, Lights, and Radio Broadcast

Mark Maziar

Cameras and Video Broadcast

Lourdes Kalusha–Aguirre

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by John and Judy Burch in memory of Arthur Gulliver's 100th birthday on September 22nd.

Between Services Communion

Plymouth offers communion between our morning services (approx. 10:40 am) at the front of the Chancel steps for all who wish to partake.

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