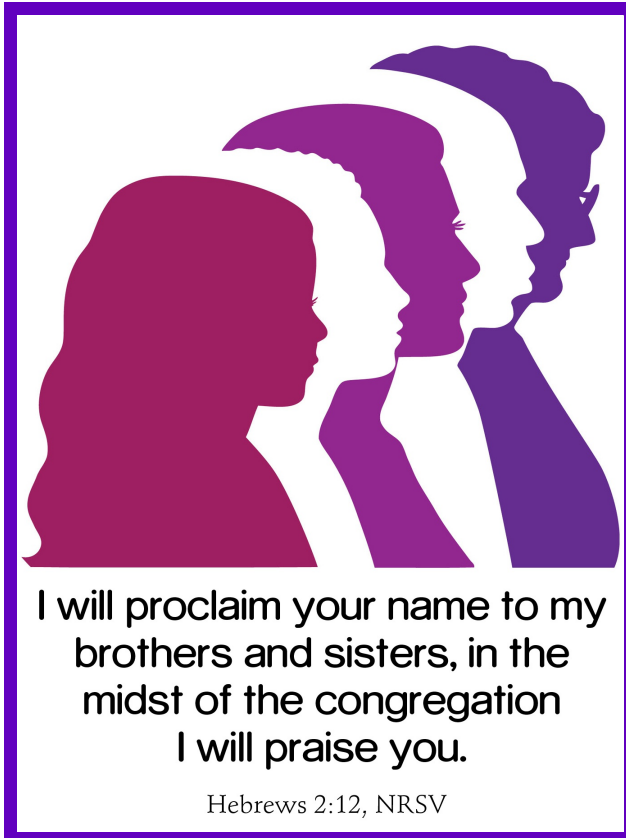


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*No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here.*



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*May God's loving presence be very real to you,  
and may you receive strength and guidance today  
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

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**Sunday, October 3, 2021  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,  
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

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### A TIME OF GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,  
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently  
during or before the Prelude}*

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP <sup>2</sup>

We have trusted in you, eternal God, and that trust brings us to this time of worship. In this place, your steadfast love becomes evident again as we sing our songs of thanksgiving and tell of your wondrous deeds. We are grateful for the life and witness of Jesus, whom you sent among people to make possible our reconciliation and healing. For the saving grace available wherever you reign, we give thanks. Help us to be childlike, to receive your blessing, and to welcome your embrace. Take us into your arms, we pray. Amen.

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*      vs 1, 2, 3      ↵ **Red #15**  
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### \*INVOCATION

**Leader:** In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>2</sup>

**Leader:** God's Word has been lived among us!  
We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation.**  
**We gather before the One who is heir to all things.**

**Leader:** Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters.  
We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

**People:** **The kingdom of God is for all people.**  
**God's dominion is over all creation.**

**ALL:** Amen.

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## We Repent

*This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

At our best, we seek to be upright and blameless, people of integrity who live with unwavering trust in God. We aspire to live as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, faithful and responsive to our Creator. But, in truth, we forget God in our hectic busyness, and we turn from the way of love in our relationship with others. There is much for us to confess.

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>®</sup> (Unison)

**All-seeing God, we would like to wash our hands in innocence, but we cannot escape from the guilt we carry. We compare ourselves favorably with people we label worthless or hypocrites, but that very judgment breaks faith with you. We avoid bribery and other evil devices, yet we would still like to have advantages for ourselves over others. We are not bloodthirsty, but we have not yet adopted the way of peace. We humbly seek forgiveness as little children in need of your welcoming love. Amen.**

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}*

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### \*PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Kyrie”

♩ Red #518

Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Leader (*spoken*): Lord have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

When we come as children, acknowledging our dependence on God for life and all that sustains it, we recognize that loving arms surround us, and hands of blessing rest on our lives. We are sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, who is not ashamed to claim us and to walk with us through life. Rejoice that God tests our hearts and minds and helps us grow. **Amen.**

### \*CALL TO PRAISE<sup>®</sup>

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the world.  
**People: We give God praise, for our souls are in the hand of the Lord.**

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### \*PRAISE RESPONSE

“Doxology”

♩ Blue #815

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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*{Please be seated}*

## We Hear the Word of God

*We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.*

### PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: [Genesis 2:18-24](#)

Second Lesson: [Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](#)

Gospel Lesson: [Mark 10:1-16](#)

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### HYMN

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

vs 1 & 2

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

## We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped, we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by re-affirming our faith in God, praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended to the dead;  
on the third day he rose again,  
ascended into heaven,  
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
He will come again 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.**

\*The word "catholic" means "the universal church" and was the word used in the original version of the Creed. It does not refer here to the particular denomination of the Roman Catholic Church, but rather the whole Christian church of all denominations, the body of Christ, as a universal fellowship.

*{Please be seated}*

**OFFERTORY INVITATION** ®

Leader: Look around you with a sense of awe and wonder.

People: **Even in the most difficult circumstances of life, we can find beauty and integrity and places where God’s abiding glory is evident.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for God’s imprint on our lives, for the sustaining word that gives purpose to our days,

People: **and for the ministry in which we are engaged together.**

**RETURNING GOD’S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**



*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.  
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed  
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

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**OFFERTORY**

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

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**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**      *“Bless Thou the Gifts Our Hands Have Brought”*

↳ *UMH #587*

**Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;  
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
the rest, O God, is in thy hand.**

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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** ® *(Leader)*

O Lord, as long ago you spoke through the prophets, speak now through us and through the fruits of our labor which we share. We dedicate to your service all the good things we have received from your hand. May we proclaim your name to our sisters and brothers in this congregation. May our gifts carry the good news throughout our community, making a difference in the quality of life experienced by many, near and far. **Amen.**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion ①②

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the central act of Christian worship, bringing us more fully together with one another and the Triune God, through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:21-30)*

### \*INVITATION

Leader: Dearly beloved in the Lord: Our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ instituted the Holy Communion of his Body and Blood, that it might be the abiding memorial of his atoning death; the seal of his perpetual presence in the Church through the Holy Spirit; the mystical representation of the sacrifice of himself on the cross; the pledge of his undying love for his people; and the bond of his living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

**ALL: The celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the innermost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. What we do here is not merely with signs, but with the realities these signs represent. We seek to approach the Lord's Table rightly, striving to be devout and repentant, with a believing mind.**

Leader: We cordially invite to partake of this Sacrament all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of his Church, and who desire to possess his Spirit and walk in his ways. To all such the compassionate Redeemer himself says: Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

### \*COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, who made humankind in your own image, and whose tender mercies are over all your works.

We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

We give thanks to you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy and sing....

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**\*SANCTUS**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*Seraphic Hymn*

*{Sanctus is Latin for "Holy." Seraphic Hymn refers to the song of the Seraphim Angels. Sabaoth is a Hebrew name for God, referring to God as both creator and ruler of the world}.*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

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*{Please be seated}*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader:

Lord, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Ordained Minister:

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We offer you these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, the gifts of bread, wine, and grape juice, bless these before us here in this place and bless those being shared in homes this day, and bless us all as we receive them. May we offer you our faith and praise, through the Holy Spirit may we be united in communion with Christ and with one another, experience oneness with all Christians on this World Communion Sunday no matter the physical distance, and may we continue faithful in all things.

**ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Unison)*

**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.**

### LAMB OF GOD

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People: grant us peace.**

### CALL TO THE SUPPER

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, for all things are ready.

### BREAKING THE BREAD, RAISING THE CUP, AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*{For those who have the pre-filled cups:  
open the first seal - unleavened bread wafer}*

Pastor: The Body of Christ broken for you. Take and eat.

**People: Amen.**

*{You may eat the bread}*

*{For those who have the pre-filled cups:  
open the second seal - the fruit of the vine - grape juice}*

Pastor: The Blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*{You may drink the wine or grape juice}*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

## We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,  
we go out into the world to share God's Good News  
through our words and actions.*

### \*COMMISSION <sup>2</sup>

Leader: For this little while, we have been in the arms of God.  
Hands of blessing have rested lightly on our heads.

**People: We have recognized one another as children of God.  
Our rivalries are turned to awe and wonder.**

Leader: We have brought our pain to the suffering Savior.  
Christ has welcomed us as sisters and brothers.

**People: We are united in love that lasts for eternity.  
The reign of God has already begun here and now.**

**ALL: Amen.**



**\*BENEDICTION**

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**\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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**\*SENDING HYMN**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

all verses

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{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,  
as we now go to carry God’s light and love back into the world.}

**††† Worship Participants †††**

Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>Today</u>	
	<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>October 10<sup>th</sup></b>
Usher Captain	Elsa W.	Denise U.
Usher Co-Captain	Geri G.	Carl U.
Usher/Greeter	Mary Ann S.	-
Usher/Greeter	Ray T.	-
Acolyte	Geri G.	Geri G.
Welcome	Elsa W.	Jon H.
Layreader/Lector	John E.	Jon H.
Sermon	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben
Children’s Message	Geri G.	Pastor Ben
Cantor	Terry P.	Brian K.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.



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## The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshipping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) We experience greater oneness with God and each another through Communion
- (9) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

## † Prayer List †

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.*

*"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.*

*The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16b*

### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Terry B.  
 Sam B.  
 Lori & Ryan B.  
 Deb D.  
 Rich D.  
 Jacob E.  
 Jaden G.  
 Ann H.  
 Leigh H.  
 Richard H.  
 Rev. David K.  
 Jim & Donna K.  
 Ella L.

### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Edmund L.  
 Amy M.  
 Diane M.  
 George M.  
 Nate, Jenny, Luke & Teddy M.  
 Gary N.  
 Terry O.  
 Paul P.  
 Fred R.  
 Earl S.  
 Jim S.  
 Rob & Jodi S.  
 Spencer Family  
 Martha W.

### **Mourning:**

Family & Friends of Robert G. Jr.  
 Family & Friends of R. Lynn H.  
 Family & Friends of Starr M.  
 Family & Friends of Sharon R.

### **Social Concerns:**

Those impacted by COVID-19  
 Those working on a vaccine for  
 COVID-19  
 Those who serve in the armed forces

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.*

*All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.*

*Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.*

*If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,  
 please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or [office@sprucc.org](mailto:office@sprucc.org).*

### **Visitation Care Team**

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at [CareTeam@sprucc.org](mailto:CareTeam@sprucc.org). For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](#)" page at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org) under the "ministries" tab.

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## ††† General Announcements †††

### Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

### Sunday School Materials

Sunday school music, videos, and an assortment of other materials are available for downloading. Click on this link for [Sunday school for youth](#).

### Devotional Music

Devotional music for all ages, courtesy of Pastor Bob, is available on our website. Click on this link for [Devotional Music](#).

### Following Worship Service

After worship, there will be a fellowship time in the Miller Fellowship Hall with Zion UCC.

### Sunday School

Sunday school for adults and youth is scheduled to resume next week, **Sunday, October 10 at 9:00am**. Both adult and youth classes will be shared with Zion UCC.

### World Communion Sunday

Today is World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. St. Paul's UCC and Zion UCC will be celebrating this day with a combined World Communion Sunday worship service in the sanctuary. Thank you for joining us!

### Neighbors in Need (NIN) Special Offering - Today

Today during the worship service, we will receive the Neighbors in Need Special Offering. In 2021 the NIN "Unfailing Love" offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. Most UCC churches collect this offering on the first Sunday in October as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time. A special offering envelope may be found on the table in the hallway just outside the sanctuary, and also in the October Herald. NIN is one of the UCC's Five for Five Special Mission Offerings.

### Weekly Morning Bible Study

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00am, Zion UCC offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

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## About Today

**Church Season: Pentecost** -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

**Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

**Green** - symbolizing the life God brings, especially through our mission work.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

### **This Sunday, October 3, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 *and* Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24 *and* Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

#### **Job**

The OT book of "Jōb" deals with the struggle of the suffering of the innocent, as well as offers answers to why. The name Job can be translated as "enemy," "the hated one," "the foe", and "where is the divine father?" It was most likely written between the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

#### **Psalm 26**

This OT song is an individual prayer seeking God's righteous and favorable judgement as one enters the God's holy sanctuary, such as when seeking vindication from false accusations, or an assertion of one's efforts to live a righteous life.

#### **Genesis**

The book of Genesis (OT) is a part of the Pentateuch (first five books of the OT or Torah or one of the five most central books in Judaism). Genesis means beginning. The book of Genesis tells about the creation of humankind and the entire universe by the will and power of God. Genesis creates a context for the reading of the entire rest of the Bible. The book is traditionally attributed to Moses, who led the Israelite people from Egyptian slavery to freedom, through the saving grace and divine providence of God.

#### **Psalm 8**

This is an OT hymn of praise for God's exalting humankind. This psalm is attributed to David, who lived from 1040–970 BC. "The Gittith" refers to the kind of melody to which this is sung.

#### **Hebrews**

The Epistle (letter) to the Hebrews (NT) is attributed to the Apostle Paul, believed to be written between 60-95 A.D. (C.E.). Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and leader in the Christian church, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. He wrote more of the NT than any other person. The title of this letter "Hebrews" presumably refers to the original audience of this letter as primarily Jewish-Christian.

#### **The Gospel According to Mark**

Mark's Gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels, written between 65-75 A.D. Papias, a church leader in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, reported that this Gospel's author is Mark, a follower of Peter who wrote this Gospel after Peter's death.

### **Next Sunday, October 10, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 *and* Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 *and* Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16:5-12; Mark 10:17-31

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 1225  
Tr. WILLIAM H. DRAPER, 1855-1933

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623  
Descant by DAVID MCK. WILLIAMS, 1937

8. 8. 4. 4. 8. 8. with Alleluias

DESCANT with stanzas 3 and 5

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

UNISON

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven a - long,
3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for thy Lord to hear,
4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un - fold-est bless-ings on our way,
5. And all ye men of ten-der heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part,

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - -

HARMONY UNISON

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold - en beam,  
 O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright,  
 O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
 O sing ye, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

- - - - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

HARMONY

Thou sil - ver moon with sil - ver gleam, O praise Him, O  
 Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O O praise Him, O O  
 That giv - est man both warmth and light, O O praise Him, O O  
 Let them His glo - ry al - so show, O O praise Him, O O  
 And praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O O praise Him, O O

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A-MEN.

UNISON

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A-MEN.

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HORATIUS BONAR, 1855

10. 10. 10. 10.

MORECAMBE  
FREDERICK C. ATKINSON, 1870

*Rather slowly, with deep reverence*

1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and  
 2. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the  
 3. This is the hour of ban-quet and of song; This is the heaven-ly  
 4. I have no help but Thine, nor do I need An - oth - er arm save

han - dle things un - seen, Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 roy - al wine of heaven; Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 ta - ble spread for me; Here let me feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 Thine to lean up - on: It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
 The brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.      A-MEN.

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JOHN OXENHAM, 1908

C.M.

ST. PETER

ALEXANDER R. REINAGLE, 1836

*In moderate time*

1. In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;  
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mun-ion find;  
 3. Join hands, then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.  
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and North;

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
 His serv-ice is the gold-en cord Close bind-ing all man-kind.  
 Who serves my Fa-ther as a son Is sure-ly kin to me.  
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth. A-MEN.

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