

Service for the Lord's Day

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

J. S. Bach

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

We come to worship this morning from different places.

O God, do not be far from us.

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

O God, do not be far from us.

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

O God, do not be far from us.

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

O God, do not be far from us.

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name. . . ."

O God, do not be far from us.

". . . welcomes me. and whoever welcomes me . . ."

O God, do not be far from us.

". . . welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

◆ Hymn 19

God of Great and God of Small

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal,
ever-present, and boundless in love.**

**Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you
in the dailyness of our lives.**

**Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts,
and we hide our true feelings.**

**Sometimes fear makes us small,
and we miss the chance to speak from our strength.**

**Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness,
and we degrade our own wisdom.**

**Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset,
remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us.**

Free us from shame and self-doubt.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

James 3:17

*“The wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy”*

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and we are given a new way to live.*

*Let us accept God’s grace,
and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy. Amen.*

◆ Sung Response

HS 22

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,

And God’s good will unfailingly be to all people given.

We bless, we worship You, we raise

For Your great glory thanks and praise,

O God, the great Creator.

◆ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

◆ Anthem (11:00)

Peace Pilgrim’s Prayer

Shawn Kirchner

Peace, be still, and know that I am God.

God's Word to Us

First Reading James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Second Reading Mark 9:30-37

Psalter (11:00) *As a Child Rests (Psalm 131)* Christopher Walker
Dana Patek, soloist

Sermon Waiting Tables Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith from the *Belhar Confession*

We believe Christ calls us to be disciples.

In forming his people and sending them into the world,

Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

They were to share the joy of his companionship,

to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.

Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ

is God's undeserved gift to each of us.

It is also God's demand upon every one of us,

never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

◆ Hymn 727 (11:00) **Will You Let Me Be Your Servant** THE SERVANT SONG

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal p. 35

◆ Hymn 757 **Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples** KINGSFOLD

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

Postlude *Galliarda* Heinrich Scheidemann

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are in honor of the 64th wedding anniversary of Hope and Dave Warren,
by the Warren / Atkins family.*

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, September 19

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 10:30 a.m. Dedication of Rugby Road Entrance
 12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds
 12:15 Singers Rehearsal
 12:15 Deacons Training in the Library

Monday, September 20

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Courtyard

Tuesday, September 21

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, September 23

5:30 p.m. UKirk Yoga in the Courtyard
 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 26

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds
 12:15 Singers Rehearsal
 4 p.m. Organ Concert Series: Dash Trumpet Duo and Felix Hell, organ

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