

Service for the Lord's Day

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

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*W*elcome 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

Capriccio sopra la bassa fiamenga

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

*Taking part from home,
staying a safe, masked distance in church,
we are reminded of that promise:*

God's love endures forever!

*Despite our pandemic fatigue,
in spite of the grumbling it inspires,*

the light of Christ shines in our lives!

*Unable to sing loudly together (or too shy to sing alone),
when we wonder if we have
the energy to continue to care for others,*

**we are taught new songs by the Spirit,
who encourages us to not to give up!**

◆ Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Call to Confession

Move among us, God; give us life;

let your people rejoice in you.

Give us again the joy of your help;

with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

God, make our hearts clean;

restore us in body, mind, and spirit.

Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

*Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God
in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.*

**May God forgive you, Christ empower you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

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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

*Rejoice! We are redeemed through the grace of God, forgiven through the love of Christ,
and free through the Spirit to begin again. **Thanks be to God! We can live in peace. 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.**

◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

◆ Sung Response (11:00) — see insert **Gathered in God's Name**

Michael Burkhardt

The choir will sing the verse of the response and all will be invited to sing the refrain.

God's Word to Us

First Reading

James 5:13-20

Anthem (11:00)

I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes

Jean Berger

*I to the hills lift up mine eyes, from where shall come mine aid,
Mine help doth from Jehovah come, which heaven and earth hath made.
God will not let thy foot be moved, nor slumber that thee keeps.
The One that keeps Israel, yea, slumbereth not, nor sleeps.*

What's Happening *at Westminster*

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

Tuesday, September 28

7 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, September 30

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 3

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
 12:30 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Feeding Families Service Project at Common Grounds

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